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County council to save funds by bringing services back in-house

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The contract is due to expire in November 2017 but, following a decision by the council's Cabinet, all services will be brought back in-house within the next 12 months.

The returning services include ICT, customer contact and a range of other back office services.

"This is an important decision and has been taken after a great deal of consideration," said leader of the council, Councillor John Osman.

"Having carefully weighed up the benefits and costs of letting the contract run its course or leaving it early, we have concluded that an early exit is in the best interests of the county council and its tax payers.

"Our partners in Southwest One have been kept informed and we will be working closely with IBM and Southwest One to make the transfer back of services as smooth as possible."

In 2012 and 2013 services such as procurement, property and facilities management, HR and finance advisory, and some parts of ICT were returned to the council.

Councillor Osman added: "This contract was created nearly a decade ago when the economic climate was very different. Since then local government has changed dramatically with a well-documented fall in funding and consequent need to make savings.

"We are a smaller organisation that has made big changes to the way it works. The fixed price nature of the contract has prevented us from making some of the savings that should come with those changes.

"More change is on the horizon and the pressure to make efficiencies and savings has never been higher. We need more flexibility than this contract allows and leaving early allows us to start making changes and savings sooner."

The original contract value was £535million across all partners. Due to negotiated changes to the contract and services since 2012 and 2013, the approximate current contract value over the contract term is now £158million

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SEATON: Dr Rob Daniels has just returned from 10 days' working in Rwanda, setting up telemedicine services and fitting hearing aids

SOUTH SOMERSET: Andy Marsh is expected to return to Avon and Somerset Constabulary as the force's new Chief Constable. He currently holds the post in Hampshire

SIDMOUTH: Lions president Ian Skinner presented a donation of £1,000 to Sid Valley's Memory Café for their Admiral Nurses campaign, to help fund nurses specialising in dementia care

Quotes of the week...

"We'd like to remind our customers to post early so that friends and family have longer to enjoy their Christmas greetings."

Barry Marshall, delivery office manager at Honiton Post Office

"It is very clear that many local people that cannot afford to buy houses are not classed as 'in need', and therefore do not qualify for affordable housing,"

Developer Jim Carthy, who hopes to build an affordable housing project specifically for Colyton locals

"We are very grateful to those that buy a lottery ticket and this award is proof that your £2 can make a real difference to people's lives."

Doreen Smith of mental health charity South Somerset Mind, which has just been awarded £327,910 by the Big Lottery fund

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TOP STORIES FROM ACROSS EAST DEVON AND SOUTH SOMERSET

EAST DEVON

RD&E trust to take over town hospitals

EAST Devon community hospitals look set to come under new management next year.

Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (NEW Devon CCG) has decided to "proceed towards contract award for community services to the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (RDEFT)".

This decision doesn't confirm that the contract will be awarded, being subject to "further detailed due diligence in advance of the final decision".

RDEFT chief executive Angela Pedder, said: "Aligning community services in Exeter, East and Mid Devon with RDEFT is an important step in developing streamlined pathways of care for local people.

"Working closely with Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (which currently manages the hospitals), we will now develop plans to safely transfer the services over the coming months.

"We look forward to welcoming and working with the community services staff, who bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience."

NDHT Chief Executive Alison Diamond said: "We will be playing our part to ensure that the strong foundations we have put in place over the last five years can be built upon and the high-quality services continue to develop and improve."

AXMINSTER

Works starts on surgery extension

AXMINSTER Medical Practice is bracing itself and its patients for disruption as building work is set to start.

An added floor at the back of the building will mean seven new consulting rooms to meet increasing demand. The plans can be viewed on the practice noticeboards, and patients have been warned of disruption.

Two retired GPs, Dr Simon Hodges and Dr James Vann, are overseeing the project with practice manager Linda Coombs.

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From the editor's chair

Hope for our hospitals

THE news that the trust which runs the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital is to take over the running of East Devon's community hospitals has been welcomed by those who fought so hard to retain in-patient beds.

There has been widespread criticism of the consultation process leading up to the decision to dispense with beds in Axminster and Ottery St Mary Hospital, dismissed by many as "farcical", a view shared by this column.

The RD&E trust taking over the community hospitals does not mean beds will return to Axminster and Ottery, but there is a glimmer of hope in some quarters that the increasing pressure on beds at the RD&E in Exeter may necessitate patients being sent back to these hospitals to recover.

The greater hope is that the services at the community hospitals, especially at Axminster which is well equipped, will be developed to help protect its long term future.

At the height of the battle to save the beds in Axminster hundreds turned out at two public meetings to express their concern. Those who led this campaign are hoping to call another public meeting in the new year so that the people of Axminster can come up with ideas of how they would like to see their hospital developed. There will be no shortage of ideas...

■ So Somerset County Council has ditched its contract with Southwest One (a joint venture involving IBM) to deliver a range of public services.

The £14 million deal was intended to save the council taxpayers of Somerset significant sums.

It didn't work out and the deal is now off. It was predicted that the arrangement would save SCC £180 million over 10 years. The council are not saying what the savings have been (why not?) but – you will not be surprised to hear – they are significantly lower than predicted.

PHILIP EVANS

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OTTERY ST MARY

£52k cost of West Hill going it alone

OTTERY St Mary could lose £52,000 per year if it's decided that West Hill can establish their own parish council.

The loss of around 25 per cent of the precept would result in the Ottery Town, North and Tipton St John wards footing the bill with the town's precept needing to rise by 53 per cent to cover the loss.

Councillors debated for nearly an hour whether or not to back the bid for West Hill to break away.

The final decision will be made by EDDC but Ottery Town Council has set up a working party to investigate the proposal and to report back to EDDC the council's formal view.

EAST DEVON

EDA concerns over 'devolution' bid

EAST Devon Alliance have expressed their concerns over the Devon and Somerset 'devolution' plans and questioned the democracy of the bid.

In a statement the EDA said: "To most people devolution implies greater local involvement – local democratic power. The process being followed for the Heart of the South West devolution has no democratic element at all."

The statement cites the absence of public and elected councillor consultation as being the main factors in their concern over the proposition.

The Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership, a voluntary partnership between local authorities and businesses, are in discussions to devolve power from Whitehall to local authorities in Devon and Somerset. The full East Devon District Council will debate the deal on December 16th.

The council's cabinet unanimously supported recommendations, drawn up from a joint overview and scrutiny committee on December 2nd, on how to proceed in discussions.

At the moment HotSW meetings are private and there are no agendas or minutes available to the public or press. It has been suggested that the government's guidance is to keep devolution planning confidential.

The bid was originally going to be submitted on December 18th but the deadline has now been extended to January, with a deal expected to be agreed with central government in March.

SEATON

Legion row with market traders

THE Royal British Legion's Seaton branch has accused some of the town's artisan market traders of "bad manners and lack of respect".

In a letter to *Pulman's View*, RBL member Ray Evans claims that a number of traders emerged at an RBL event in the town hall and demanded the venue be cleared.

The RBL staged a Christmas-themed table top sale in Seaton Town Hall on Saturday December 5th, coinciding with the outdoor artisan market.

Mr Evans said that the RBL event was scheduled to finish at 12.30pm, with the hall to be cleared by 1pm.

He said: "We were doing good business when traders suddenly appeared on the scene, some demanding we clear our sale tables as they were booked in." Mr Evans said that RBL left the hall at about 12.30pm.

He has since told *Pulman's View* that he has accepted an apology from artisan market organisers, adding that he has nothing to hide and was happy for his views to be put in the public domain.

The artisan market is organised by Seaton Town Development Team, part of Seaton Town Council. The council was asked for comment, but had not responded at the time of going to press.

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Ilminster police to move to new office next year

ILMINSTER'S neighbourhood policing team will move into a new facility early next year.

A new police office will be created at Summervale Surgery in Canal Way and is due to be complete by March.

Spare space at the medical centre will be converted into a neighbourhood policing base complete with lockers, showers, desks and computer equipment, providing everything the team needs to continue policing in Ilminster.

As a result, the current police office in The Butts has been put up for sale.

An Avon and Somerset Constabulary spokesman said: "We had planned to move the neighbourhood policing team out of the current facility in 2017 but an opportunity to relocate to Summervale Surgery came up sooner.

"The only work the force needs to carry out before the officers can move in is the installation of the IT equipment.

"The neighbourhood team will remain in the current police office until the new facility is ready. Once they have moved into the medical practice, the current police office will be decommissioned. We envisage the move taking place sometime between Christmas and March 2016.

"The move will have no effect on staffing levels or policing in Ilminster."

Ilminster residents should continue to visit Chard Police Station's enquiry office to access police services. The 101 phone number and Avon and Somerset Constabulary website can also be used to contact the force about non-urgent matters.

Council promoting use of new sprinklers

SOUTH Somerset District Council's (SSDC) Housing Standards team has recently worked with a local landlord to promote safe living by implementing a sprinkler system in a house of multiple occupation (HMO) – a first in South Somerset.

SSDC are promoting sprinkler systems with landlords as a greater safeguard against the risk of fire and has recently assisted in the installation of the first sprinkler system in a newly-created HMO.

Modern sprinkler systems are unobtrusive and spray only a small quantity of mist droplets onto any fire which is starting, damping it down so that it never spreads. Only the sprinkler in the room where the fire is located works, so little water is used and there is rarely any lasting water damage.

Sprinklers are especially useful in bedsit accommodation, which is more in demand than ever due to the current housing crisis.

Death and injury from smoke and fire has always been regarded a higher risk in bedsit accommodation and, as a result, SSDC Housing Standards provides grant aid and loans to promote fire safety. Given the effectiveness of sprinklers, Housing Standard Officers can now allow relaxations on the need for fire doors, fire alarms and other expensive fire safety equipment.

Councillor Ric Pallister, portfolio holder for housing, said: "Modern technology has now caught up with common sense and the fitting of today's sprinkler systems makes financial and safety sense for landlord and tenant alike. Whilst not mandatory, using effective methods to preserve life and reduce fire damage in homes is now a "must have" for all bedsit accommodation.

"Using these modern sprinkler systems is not only effective, but also helps landlords reduce the need for expensive fire safety equipment and promotes a safe way of living. Our Housing Standards team can offer help and guidance on the options available and I would encourage all landlords to contact us".

If you would like to discuss installing a sprinkler system at your property or would like to consider other fire safety options that are available to you as a landlord, contact South Somerset District Council's Housing Standards team on 01935 462514.

UNISON criticises council for outsourcing services

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enough since 2010 to continue to provide adequate services due to substantial cuts to national government funding to Somerset, and the current Conservative administration's decision to freeze council tax, but Somerset County Council has also been grappling with the messy and expensive quagmire that is Southwest One.

"The failure of this joint venture highlights yet again the inflexibility to changing circumstances inherent in these kinds of grand, all-encompassing outsourcing arrangements. This has been demonstrated time and again across the UK, such as the similar joint venture between BT and Liverpool City Council which ended last year.

"Our priority is the staff members that were seconded to Southwest One and the services that they deliver. We are concerned for our members' job security and we will be working in partnership with SCC on behalf of our members to make sure all their concerns are addressed during this process."

The Cabinet paper relating outlining reasons for withdrawing early from the contract can be found online at http://bit.ly/1IGHV3p

First stage of Yeovil road improvements complete

THE first stage of a £14million programme of works to improve roads across Yeovil has been completed and three major roads have now reopened.

Work to upgrade the Horsey Roundabout started in September with road closures on Brunswick Street, Hendford and Hendford Hill. This work has been completed on schedule and all three roads reopened to traffic at the end of November.

The upgrade now continues until the end of January with a lane closure along Lysander Road, although this work should have less impact on traffic.

Drivers are also advised that the new traffic light-controlled junction at Brunswick Street will become more efficient in time as engineers monitor and adjust the signals.

Councillor David Fothergill, Somerset County Council's Cabinet member for highways, said: "We promised to reopen these roads before December and I'm delighted we've been able to deliver.

"I'd like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding while we've been carrying out these improvements. Please bear with us as we fine tune the new traffic lights to make the new junction as efficient as possible.

"We're investing a huge amount of money in Yeovil to upgrade the road system, but unfortunately there's no way to do this without causing some short term disruption. The remaining work at Horsey should have less impact on traffic, and the rest of the work elsewhere in Yeovil will take place after Christmas when roads are quieter."

Somerset County Council is currently carrying out two major schemes to improve transport links along the Eastern and Western Corridors of Yeovil at a combined cost of £14million. The Horsey Roundabout work is the first stage of improvements to the Eastern Corridor.

As well as increasing the capacity of major junctions and improving traffic flow, the two schemes are essential to support Yeovil's economic growth and are necessary to allow major developments to go ahead, including:

- More than 2,000 new homes at sites in Brimsmore, Lufton and Lyde Road;
- More than 20ha of employment land at Lufton and Bunford Park;
- Redevelopment of the town centre including the cattle market.

The improvements should reduce projected future peak journey times by 23 per cent (West Coker Road to Thorne Lane) and 16 per cent (Horsey Roundabout to Lyde Road) – compared to what they would be with the developments in place but without the improvements.

Police commissioner announces preferred candidate to step in as next Chief Constable

ANDY Marsh was expected to be named the new Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset Constabulary yesterday (Monday), following a confirmation hearing.

Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens announced her Mr Marsh as her preferred candidate to be the next Chief Constable last week, and a confirmation hearing by the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Panel was held yesterday to confirm her choice, following a rigorous two-day selection process held earlier this month.

Ms Mountstevens and an appointments panel considered four applicants following two-days of assessment, which included candidates meeting representatives of the Police and Crime Panel, the Commissioner's Independent Resident's Panel, key stakeholders and staff associations, as well as carrying out presentations and psychometric tests.

Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act, Police and Crime Commissioners are responsible for appointing chief constables. Following the decision, the commissioner must then inform the Police and Crime Panel of the preferred candidate. That panel must consider the appointment within three weeks and hold a public confirmation hearing for panel members to question the preferred candidate.

The panel must then give its view on whether or not the candidate should be appointed. The panel has the power to veto the commissioner's choice, but this can only be done if two thirds of the panel agree.

Ms Mountstevens said: "Andy is a highly experienced Chief Constable and has extensive experience of policing with much of his career in Avon and Somerset.

"As the Chief Constable of Hampshire Constabulary, Andy has implemented transformation and change projects and delivered savings and improved performance. He is also the national lead for a number of areas of policing including IT procurement and body-worn video cameras. As well as bringing excellent leadership skills from his chief officer roles in Avon and Somerset, Wiltshire and Hampshire, he also has operational and detective experience and has previously been an area commander in South Bristol and East Somerset.

"It's no secret that there are tough times ahead for policing with continuing budget pressures combined with a changing landscape and new demands. I'm confident that Andy is the person to lead Avon and Somerset and work with me to build safer, stronger communities and ensure the people of Avon and Somerset have the very best police service.

"I would like to thank temporary Chief Constable Gareth Morgan for acting up during this time."

Leadership skills

Mr Marsh commented: "I'm thrilled to be the preferred candidate for Avon and Somerset Constabulary, a police force I joined in 1987 for which I was proud to serve and gain valuable policing experience in a range of different roles.

"Avon and Somerset is a good police force, I will work tirelessly with officers, staff and volunteers of the constabulary to deliver excellent policing services to the communities within which my family and I live."

Appointed Chief Constable of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in February 2013, Mr Marsh built his leadership skills first with Avon and Somerset and later with Wiltshire, where he served both forces as assistant chief constable. Prior to this, he had operational and detective experience and was commander for South Bristol and latterly Somerset East between 2001 and 2006.

Mr Marsh joined Hampshire in 2010 when he was appointed deputy chief constable. Leading on both change and performance, he implemented transformation resulting in achieving £55million of savings and delivering top-quartile performance in a force that is recognised nationally as one of the best value for money.

Since 2013, Mr Marsh has led the implementation of a new operating model built around local partnerships, collaborating with Thames Valley Police on a range of services, and aligning back office services delivered jointly with Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service. This new partnership has consolidated and now provides services for Oxfordshire County Council. These changes, saving a further £25million, have established Hampshire as the fifth lowest cost force in the country, yet one that is consistently among those recording the highest levels of public confidence as measured by the Crime Survey for England and Wales.

Throughout his career, Mr Marsh has been leading and creating an environment at work where his officers, police staff and volunteers can flourish. This is a critical part of building trust within communities – a key challenge for police officers at a time when greater transparency and accountability is rightly being demanded by the public.

In January 2014, he was appointed national policing lead for body-worn video – high spec cameras carried by police officers which offer the potential to build trust with the public and provide a more accurate and verifiable digital record of evidence. The new role recognises the work done to date in Hampshire, where use of this technology is not just cutting edge within the UK but setting a standard for law enforcement globally.

Mr Marsh is married with two daughters and enjoys fly fishing, running and rowing. Honing his skills off the south coast paid off when bringing home a bronze medal from the World Police and Fire Games in 2013.

His external commitments include being the national police lead for firearms licensing, IT Procurement and international co-ordination, as well as being a Gurney Fund Trustee, sitting on the Blue Lamp Trust and chairing the regional NPCC.

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Redstart raises record amount for Poppy Appeal

THE children at Redstart School in Chard raised more than any other local school for this year's Poppy Appeal.

A number of initiatives, including painting a picture of the Tower of London and sticking poppies on it, inspired by last year's display, helped raise £638.

Poppy Appeal organiser Maryanne Adams praised the efforts and said the branch's appeal as a whole had generated about £11,000 so far.

Pictured above, Maryanne Adams and children from Redstart Primary and, right, their picture of the Tower of London.

Photos by GARY TANNER

Big band entertains at Rotary concert

Chard Guildhall echoed to the sounds of the Three Counties Swing Band at a recent concert. Arranged by the Rotary Club of Chard, in support of Guide Dogs UK and Rotary charities, the evening was attended by a sizeable audience which enjoyed the music along with a ploughman's supper. The band, supported by talented female vocalist Lizzie Browne, played a wide selection of classic big band tunes which had members of the audience on their feet dancing. The evening raised a total of £483.70, £400 of which will go to Guide Dogs UK and £83.70 will support Polio Plus, Rotary's own charity aimed at eradicating polio throughout the world.

■ PUPILS from Winsham Primary School Choir recently kicked off a concert at Chard Museum to celebrate the switching on of the Chard Christmas lights. The nine pupils, who were directed by Mhairi Hallett, gave a delightful performance of 'A Star is shining', 'Thankful Heart', 'Cat and Mouse Carol' and finished with their rendition of 'It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas'. It made a wonderful start to the Christmas festivities and a big thank you goes to Gwyneth Jackson for organising the event.

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Holyrood Choir wins carol singing competition second year in a row

HOLYROOD Academy's choir has won the secondary school category at Grand Pier Carol Competition, held in Weston-Super-Mare, for the second year running.

After their success in November in the first round of heats, the 70-student choir from Chard was up against eight other schools in the grand final held on the pier.

A Holyrood Academy spokesperson said: "With their renditions of 'Think about the Baby' by Rebecca Lloyd Jones and 'Sing We Now of Christmas' a French Traditional carol, the Holyrood Choir topped the secondary schools category."

A prize of £100 was won for the academy's music department and head of music Andrew Gilham said to choir members: "Congratulations, we are all very proud of you yet again."

Primary school children join Christmas craft workshop

HOLYROOD Academy recently invited primary school children from Years 5 and 6 to a Christmas craft workshop. Ten children, each accompanied by an adult, attended the event all eagerly awaiting Christmas! It was a very glittery affair with sequins, bows and plenty of Christmas cheer. The workshop was hosted by Serena Cambridge who said: "I have been making the special festive book trees for years and really wanted to share my experience with children who wanted to get all Christmassy! I'm already planning my next craft event at Holyrood!" Pictured, Summer Cambridge, Pippa Price, Sienna Lanfear, Sarah Cawley.

Rotary hosts Youth Speaks competition

THE Rotary Club of Chard hosted its annual Youth Speaks competition at Holyrood Academy on November 13th.

Competition was hot when teams fought to win their rounds by convincing judges with their points of view and public speaking skills.

Judges Robin Williams, president of Chard Rotary Club, Peggy Hannam and Jonathan Farey were responsible for selecting the most persuasive winners.

The intermediate section (11-13 years) was won by Rachael Davis, Katy Speed and Lucy Hollister who spoke about "Emojis". The winning group for the seniors (14-17 years) was Agatha Evans, Sophie Winch and Beth Pitman with their speech on "Wear your Poppy with Pride".

Mr Williams praised all the participating students for the entertainment they had given the audience, but also for their incredible level of maturity shown in delivering their talks.

Holyrood's head of English, Puck Webber, said: "What a special evening was had by all! The speeches were engaging and interesting throughout and the judges had an unenviable task to choose the best teams!

"Thank you to all who participated in making the evening such a success. We wish our winning teams the best of luck when they go forward to the district final in January 2016."

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Mental health charity receives grant to continue local drop-in sessions

MENTAL health charity South Somerset Mind is celebrating after being awarded a £327,910 grant to continue providing drop-in sessions in Crewkerne, Frome, Langport, and Yeovil.

The grant will also provide drop-in sessions in Glastonbury and Shepton Mallet in the New Year for people experiencing mental health.

Spokesperson Doreen Smith said: "We are very grateful to those that buy a lottery ticket and this award is proof that your £2 can make a real difference to people's lives.

"The Big Lottery funded our original three-year project and this latest award will enable us to provide one to one support, drop ins where people can access peer support and advice and guidance.

"The current users of our service, staff and volunteers are delighted that our services can continue and we can't thank everyone that has made this possible."

For further information on South Somerset Mind's services, including the times and locations of well-being drop-ins, please call 01935 474875 or visit the website www.southsomersetmind.co.uk

South Somerset Mind is affiliated to Mind, the leading mental health charity in England and Wales.

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Brownie opens refurbished toilets at Speedwell

THEY'VE spent a lot more than a penny on refurbishing the toilets at the Speedwell in Crewkerne.

About £10,000, in fact, to provide two new toilets, including a disabled facility, and a new non-slip floor.

The new toilets were officially opened by seven-year-old Brownie Lottie Robertson, who won a competition to design a poster for the new facilities.

It competition was open to all the Brownies, Rainbows and Guides who meet at the Speedwell in Abbey Street, Crewkerne.

The ceremony on December 1st was attended by the Mayor of Crewkerne, Councillor Robin Pailthorpe, town councillor Katy Pritchard and trustees of the Speedwell.

Instead of the traditional cutting of a ribbon, there was the tearing of a roll of toilet paper by Lottie and the mayor.

Three years ago, the kitchen at the Sppedwell was given a facelift at a cost of £16,000. The next project, announced by vice-chairman Mike Jones, is a £20,000 scheme to replace the floor in the main hall, including the joists.

Grants to support the toilets project were given by Crewkerne Town Council, Yarlington Housing Association and the Waitrose green token community fund. Fundraising events such as a garden fete and bingo were also organised by the trustees.

"This latest refurbishment project and the plan to provide a new floor are important because the Speedwell continues to be a major asset to the town," said Mr Jones.

He presented a prize to Lottie for her winning poster, which has been framed and put on display at the Speedwell, a former milliners and hat shop that was left to the young ladies of Crewkerne in 1923.

In addition to the main hall, where most of the local groups hold their meetings, the building, which is a registered charity, includes three flats, a cottage and a secret garden.

■ **WINNING ENTRY: Lottie Robertson receives her prize for winning the poster competition. From left: Jennie Brasier, Linda Bayliss, Mike Jones, Lottie, Christine Rawe and Veronica Chard. Left, Lottie pictured with the Mayor of Chard, Councillor Robin Pailthorpe** *Photos courtesy of BOB WELLS*

Santa dash attracts just under 200

JUST under 200 runners dressed in red and white Father Christmas costumes turned out on Sunday, December 13th in Yeovil for the annual Santa Dash in aid of St Margaret's Somerset Hospice.

The annual event saw runners take part in the 4k run at Yeovil Country Park and was again excellently organised by the Yeovil Town Road Running Club and sponsored by Milsted Langdon.

The Santa Dash contestants were blessed with dry conditions for the second successive year as they made their way from Goldenstones leisure pool to Wyndham Hill and back again.

The actual "race" was immaterial with the most important aspect of the event being to raise as much money as possible for St Margaret's.

But just for the record it was Thomas Richardson who finished first in a time of 15mins 53 seconds with Iain Elliott in second in 16mins 8 seconds. Matthew Quarterman was third in 16mins 45 secs. First female runner to finish was Kirsty Norman in a time of 17mins 27secs – who won the ladies race last year in a slower time of 19mins 42secs. There were a total of 181 finishers.

Organisers would like to thank everyone for taking part and their support of the event which helps to raise much-needed funds for St Margaret's Somerset Hospice.

It's panto time for U3A!

"DICK Whittington and his Cat" provided the main entertainment piece for the annual Christmas party organised by Crewkerne & District University of the Third Age (U3A).

Written and produced by Elaine Northrop, and performed by members of the U3A, the script contained lots of local and topical allusions and scope enough for plenty of boos, hisses and cheers from the audience.

The panto party, which was held at the Henhayes Centre on December 8th, was attended by 80 U3A members.

Carol singing was led by the "Singing for Pleasure" group and musical accompaniment was provided during tea by Rosie Smith.

The party also included a Christmas quiz, raffle, lucky ticket prize and guess the weight of the Christmas cake competition.

U3A chairman Anne Bright said: "I'd like to thank all those who worked so hard to put on our Christmas party and those who came along and enjoyed themselves. I'm delighted it went so well."

■ PICTURED above, Elaine Northrop (centre) and the cast of 'Dick Whittington and his Cat' and, below, King Rat (Mike Lucas) and Puss (Frankie McLachlan) relax after performing

WI ladies attend carol concert in Wells

■ SIX members of Misterton WI enjoyed the winter sunshine whilst attending the WI Centenary Carol Festival at Wells Cathedral on the December 9th. Even the Wells town crier had time for a photograph with Margaret, Pat, Dottie, Isabella, Sandra and Jan (above). The ladies were taking a well-earned break from their fundraising activities which have taken up much of 2015. Their next event will be carol singing by the tree at the WI Hall on Middle Street, Misterton, on Friday, December 18th, 6.30pm, followed by mince pies and refreshments.

Art historian leades U3A study day

AUTHOR and art historian Julian Halsby was back by popular request to lead a study day on Impressionism, organised by Crewkerne & District University of the Third Age (U3A).

It was attended by 50 U3A members, including some from the Chard & Ilminster, Bridport and Dorchester groups.

The series of lectures given by Julian covered the birth of Impressionism in the 1860s, High Impressionism in the 1870s, and later Impressionism in the 1880s. His illustrated talks highlighted the works of major painters such as Manet, Pissarro, Renoir, Monet, Degas and Sisley.

Julian has written a number of books on art history and with his wife runs an art gallery in Sherborne. The previous study day which he led was on the Pre-Raphaelites.

"That one was so successful that we received many requests from U3A members to invite him back," said Merle Redwood, of Crewkerne & District U3A, who arranged the study day.

"Judging from the numbers who came along and the comments I received afterwards, it was every bit as successful as the first."

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Festive fayre on offer at successful market

FOLLOWING the success of last year's event. Crewkerne Town Council hosted another Christmas market on Saturday.

Pictured clockwise from top left, selling her festive wares is Claire Smith with customer Katy Burridge; music was provided by Magical Creative made up of Rosie Clark, Joe Swanson and Katie Orwin; Carol Dangate and Gemma Banfield decorating their tree; Jannet Harris and Barbara Hollingsworth from Crewkerne Museum; John Turner sells cheese from Batch Farm.

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Schoolchildren learn importance of eyecare during opticians' visit

THE value of sight and reading came together at Greenfylde First School in Ilminster recently, when Boots Opticians came into school to work with the children on a project for the National Literacy Trust.

The project was launched this year to highlight the link between eye health and literacy, given an estimated one million children have an undiagnosed vision problem in the UK.

Early detection and timely referral can improve the literacy of children and Matt and David came in to Greenfylde from Boots Opticians, Taunton, to deliver special classroom activities based around reading for enjoyment and eye health.

Headteacher Claire Oaten said: "The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and, by having such an important health issue explained to them in a fun way, appreciated how important their sight is and what it offers to them in exploring their world.

"We are very grateful to Matt and David for spending this time with the children and fully support Boots Opticians and the National Literacy Trust in their project for eye health and reading."

Greenfylde trainee teacher on route to achieving his dream

GEORGE Musgrave, currently on a placement at Greenfylde First School in Ilminster, is now well on his way to achieving his professional dream of becoming a teacher.

George is one of a growing group of students entering teaching through the School Direct route.

Nowadays, there are many different ways to enter the profession with School Direct being one of the youngest routes. Introduced nationally in 2012, it gives schools the chance to train graduates in the profession.

Supporting the recruitment drive, schools in Yeovil are already in their second year of running a School Direct Primary Course. Under the leadership of Wessex Teaching School, based at Huish Primary, and Somerset Partnership Teaching School, based at Fiveways School, over 20 primary schools are working in partnership to help deliver a teacher training course designed for local people wishing to train and work in locals schools.

Most of the year is spent training and learning "on the job" within two school settings, where trainees receive intensive support from experienced teachers and mentors.

The principles of academic rigour with School Direct Primary are the same as on university-led courses although, in this area, there is no need for trainees to travel to university as they can follow a distance learning PGCE programme alongside bespoke training, planned and delivered by outstanding local practitioners. From September 2017, there will also be local opportunities to specialise in the teaching of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.

Anyone interested in training for the teaching profession should visit the DfE's Get Into Teaching website for more information about becoming a teacher and local Train to Teach events, including one being held by Wessex Teaching School and Somerset Partnership Teaching School at Fiveways School, Yeovil, on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

■ **WORKING TOWARD HIS DREAM: George Musgrave is currently on placement at Greenfylde First School, Ilminster**

Bingo donates to local causes

CHRISTMAS has come early for 10 local organisations and charities, which have each received a £300 donation from the Ashill Bingo team.

The organisations to benefit were Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance, St Margarets Hospice, Ferne Animal Sanctuary, SURE, Macmillan Cancer Care, Friends of Vaughan Lee House, Forde Abbey Carriage Driving RDS, Children's Hospice SW, Brainwave Centre for Children and Ashill Pre-School.

The money has been raised at monthly bingo sessions and thanks are extended to all supporters who come along each month.

Fire service grant to fun smoke alarms for Careline customers

FUNDING of £5,000 from Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service (DSFRS) will help pay for the installation of 250 smoke alarms in Careline customers' homes in the next year.

The grant has been awarded to increase safety in the homes of South Somerset District Council's (SSDC) Careline's customers.

Careline has used £5,000 from its own budget to match the £5,000 grant from DSFRS's community safety budget. The total money will be used to purchase 250 smoke detectors which link up to a Careline alarm, and can be installed free of charge for Careline customers.

Careline staff will be working closely with DSFRS to identify vulnerable residents. Home Fire Safety visits will be carried out by Fire Safety teams at DSFRS and residents will be referred to Careline for a free smoke alarm installation at the property if required.

Station manager Matt Evans, from Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service, said: "We are really pleased to have developed this partnership with Careline. Working together we will be able to help vulnerable people in our community to make their homes safer."

Councillor Sylvia Seal, portfolio holder for Careline, added: "We are extremely grateful to the Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service for the money they have put in to this fantastic initiative.

"During winter, there is a higher chance of a fire starting in your home as we all try to heat the house with open fires and also gas or electrical appliances. Ensuring more residents of South Somerset and the Careline service have fire alarms installed is a job well done and increases the safety of our residents."

Careline provides help at the touch of a button and gives that little extra support to people who want to remain living independently for as long as possible while bringing peace of mind to their family and friends.

The service provides an emergency alarm pendant that can be worn at all times, which links to a local control centre where emergency staff are on hand to answer calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Relatives can enjoy peace of mind that their loved ones are safe and will get an immediate response whenever they need it.

A free demonstration in the home can be offered and, if you are happy with the service, staff can connect and set up the unit immediately. Through the Stepping Stones service, the alarm is provided free of charge for six weeks for patients referred to Careline when they are discharged from hospital. Alarm rental and monitoring is then £3.81 a week.

To find out more about how Careline can help you, your family or friends, call 01935 479815, visit www.southsomerset.gov.uk/careline or email careline@southsomerset.gov.uk.

If you would like to know more about fire safety in the home you can visit www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety/SafetyInTheHome. The web page includes a fire assessment booklet which you can use yourself or discuss with your family.

If you would like to talk about the possibility of a home safety visit by the fire and rescue service, please telephone 0800 05 02 999.

■ PICTURED right, firefighter Richard Hey, Careline support officer Sam Dyke, Welfare & Careline Manager Alice Knight, and station manager Matt Evans

County council's volunteer drivers thanked at special events

THE important role of Somerset's volunteer drivers has been celebrated at two annual "thank you" events.

A dedicated army of nearly 200 drivers currently act as volunteers for Somerset County Council, providing transport for eligible non-emergency NHS patients and social care users.

They were all invited to meet up at events in Taunton and Shepton Mallet this month so the county council could say thank you.

Councillor David Fothergill, Somerset County Council's Cabinet member for Highways, said: "Our volunteer drivers really are unsung heroes, giving up their time to help all kinds of people who are eligible for a lift, whether that's taking a cancer patient to chemotherapy or dropping a child in care off at a contact visit with a family member.

"They're usually happy to avoid the spotlight, but I want to take this opportunity to publicly say a very big thank you to them all for their hard work. It is appreciated and it does make a tremendous amount of difference in communities across Somerset."

The two events gave drivers from all over the county chance to meet up and socialise with fellow volunteers. At the Taunton event, refreshments and goody bags were kindly provided by Costa Coffee as part of the Costa Community Project which helps local stores get involved in causes that matter to their customers.

The ageing population in Somerset means demand for transport is growing and more volunteers are needed in all parts of the county.

Successful recruits can claim back up to 50p per mile for expenses. Hours can be flexible and volunteer driving is a rewarding opportunity to get out and about, meet new people and provide a vital community service.

Anyone can be a volunteer driver – the only criteria is that you must be over 18, have use of your own four-door vehicle, and hold a full UK driving licence with no more than six points.

To find out more, please contact Somerset You Can Do by calling 01278 664180, or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/volunteering.

Children dress up for nativity

THE children of South Petherton Infants and Pre-School all took part in a nativity play at St Peter and St Pauls Church, South Petherton, last week. The children dressed in traditional costumes for the play and impressed their family, friends and teachers.

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Somerset County Council to continue supporting Duke of Edinburgh Awards

■ **RENEWED LICENCE: Somerset County Council's chairman Christine Lawrence with adventurer Antony Jinman**

SOMERSET County Council is celebrated receiving its Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) operating licence for another three years at an awards ceremony at St James' Palace in London.

The county council has a DofE operating licence which enables it to support schools, colleges and community groups to offer DofE programmes to 14 to 24 year olds.

Somerset is recognised as being a high-performing local authority for DofE; last year 2,100 young people in Somerset started a DofE programme with 949 completions, including well over 100 at the prestigious Gold level.

Following a review in the summer, the licence was renewed for the next three years which Somerset County Council's chairman, Christine Lawrence, collected on Wednesday, December 2nd alongside 60 young people from Somerset who achieved their Gold DofE Awards.

The licence and awards were presented at a special ceremony at St James' Palace, which was attended by HRH Prince Phillip, The Duke of Edinburgh, and special guest, British polar adventurer and explorer, Antony Jinman.

There are 55 active DofE groups across Somerset and the number grows each year, reflecting school and college leaders' recognition of DofE as the world's most successful youth development programme. Somerset County Council's DofE team has challenging targets for the coming three years which requires them to increase participation, improve completion rates and broaden access for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. There are currently a small number of DofE groups running in Special and Partnership (PRU) schools, with hopes to build on these in the coming years.

Jeff Brown, Somerset County Council's Service Manager for Youth Development said: "We are funded through the county council's youth service budget, a contribution from the schools compact partnership and charges to groups and young people. We need to recruit more volunteers and generate income to help sustain and grow DofE in Somerset, and we hope to use DofE's diamond anniversary in 2016 to raise awareness and funds. That's why all offers of support from businesses and the general public will be gratefully received!"

Somerset County Council's chairman, Christine Lawrence, added: "It was a real honour for me to go to London and to collect this licence award on behalf of Somerset County Council. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has always been such a great success for young people in Somerset, and I'm so pleased we are able to offer our continued support for the next three years.

"However, the true congratulations must go to the 60 young people who also attended the ceremony with me to receive their Gold awards."

To find out more about The Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme visit the website www.dofe.org/

Preventing violence against women a priority for commissioner

PREVENTION was the theme of this year's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women today, held in November, a subject which is also a priority for Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Sue Mountstevens.

According to the United Nations, one in three women has experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, and once again people from across the world joined together last month, calling for action in putting a stop to this terrible crime.

Locally, much work is being done to tackle gender-based offences and throughout the past year the PCC has supported numerous support groups and commissioned a variety of victim services to help victims of domestic and sexual abuse.

PCC Sue Mountstevens said: "Tackling domestic and sexual abuse is one of my priorities and it is taken very seriously across Avon and Somerset. No one has the right to abuse another person either physically or mentally. I am committed to tackling violence against men, women and children ensuring that all victims have access to the right support when and where they need it.

"The 'This is Not an Excuse' campaign has been powerful in encouraging victims not to suffer in silence and come forward and report. I've also hosted a Domestic Abuse Scrutiny Panel, alongside a group of professionals, to scrutinise the police response to domestic abuse. More recently, I once again committed to ensuring a city free from violence by signing the Bristol Zero-Tolerance Pledge."

Back in October 2014, the PCC commissioned Lighthouse Integrated Victim and Witness Care, which provide enhanced support for vulnerable, persistently-targeted and intimidated victims of crime and anti-social behaviour. Under the Victims Code of Practice, victims of the most serious crimes, including domestic and sexual abuse are automatically entitled to this enhanced support.

In addition, an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) service and The Bridge, Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) have also been supported by the PCC to give victims the help they need and put them back in control.

Sue continued: "For me, a crucial step in tackling these crimes is to give confidence to victims to come forward and seek support. When I meet survivors I hear of their struggle to report these crimes and seek help as they feel trapped or to blame. I am very clear that there is no one to blame but the offender and that there are people who can help. By offering the right support we can hopefully help survivors to cope and recover from what has happened."

Over the past three years financial help has also been provided to various initiatives to support victims of these crimes via both the Community Safety Grant and the Commissioner's Community Action Fund. Projects include:

- Southside Family Project across Bath and North East Somerset who are supporting victims of domestic violence and abuse.
- Kinergy who provide counselling services across Avon and Somerset for men and women who have been sexually abused or raped.
- SARSAS who offer a specialist helpline and one-to-one emotional support work as well as a fortnightly groups for survivors of childhood sexual abuse.
- A partnership project between Beloved, One25, Spring of Hope and Unseen aiming to engage with faith groups to raise awareness and give advice on supporting vulnerable women.

Circles South West who support the volunteer-led work of those monitoring sex offenders in the community.

If you are a victim of domestic or sexual abuse, or know someone who is, you can all Avon and Somerset Police via the 101 number or online. If someone you know is in immediate danger, always call 999.

To find out about local help and services available visit www.thisisnotanxcuse.org

County council launches campaign to tackle domestic abuse in families

SOMERSET County Council is supporting a campaign to raise awareness of domestic abuse within families during a regional awareness week.

The campaign aims to highlight that domestic abuse isn't always between partners and that an increasingly common form of abuse is from adult children.

Although arguments are a part of everyday life, abusive or violent behaviour from a child of any age is not acceptable.

A mother or father living with abusive behaviour from their son or daughter often find it difficult to ask for help because of a fear of feeling like a failing parent or putting their child at risk. In fact, by seeking help and support from services, they are taking the first step in improving their relationship with their child, as well as potentially saving their own life.

Councillor Anna Groskop, Cabinet member with a responsibility for health, said: "Domestic abuse within families is under-reported and many victims stay silent.

"We want to raise awareness that adult children can be abusive and there is help available. Steps can be taken to help heal relationships or deal with any underlying issues that may be causing the behaviour."

Somerset County Council is reaching out to the general public to raise awareness of domestic abuse between family members, with the message "abusive or violent behaviour from a son or daughter is domestic abuse".

If you need support or advice on domestic abuse call the Somerset Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0800 69 49 999. In an emergency, call police 999.

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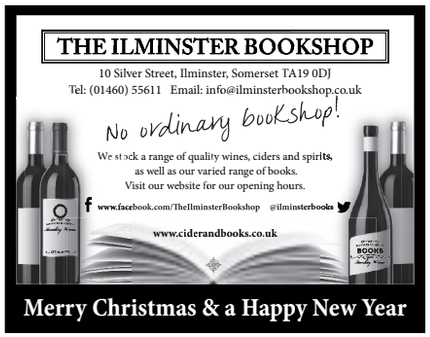

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THINK It's not worth the risk... DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

The festive season is now upon us and with it comes work nights out and an opportunity to catch up with friends and family. But for all too many, it's tempting to ruin the celebrations by driving home after a couple of drinks.

IN THE last 50 years road casualties caused by drink driving have fallen dramatically, but in 2013, there were still 240 deaths due to drink driving – accounting for 14% of all road fatalities. By drinking and driving, you risk your life, those of your passengers and others on the road.

Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive.

THE LAW

There are strict alcohol limits for UK drivers: In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the legal alcohol limit for drivers is:

- 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 107 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine

In Scotland (from 5 December 2014) the legal alcohol limit for drivers is lower at:

- 22 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 50 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 67 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine.

However it is not possible to say how much alcohol you can drink and stay below the limit. The way alcohol affects you depends on:

- your weight, age, sex and metabolism (the rate your body uses energy)
- the type and amount of alcohol you're drinking
- what you've eaten recently
- your stress levels at the time

So if you're driving, it's better to have none for the road.

DRINK DRIVING

- Don't drink and drive, the only safe limit is none.
- You can still be over the limit the morning after.
- Drink and drug driving does cost lives.
- Get caught drink driving and you will be treated like any other criminal.
- A drink driving conviction will stay on your licence for 11 years.
- Program a phone number for a licensed taxi company into your mobile phone before you go out.
- If you are caught drink driving you will be required to attend court where you could face a fine, be banned from driving or imprisoned.

THE CONSEQUENCES

if you are convicted of drink driving, including:

- A minimum 12 month driving ban
- A criminal record
- A hefty fine
- An endorsement on your license for 11 years

However, this list does not reflect the everyday consequences of being caught drink driving which can include:

- Increase in car insurance costs
- Job loss
- Trouble getting in to countries like the USA
- The shame of having a criminal record
- Loss of independence

The Institute of Advanced Motorists calculate that a drink drive conviction could cost between £20,000 - £50,000 as a result of fines, solicitors fees, increase in car insurance and loss of job.

YOU DRINK
YOU DRIVE
YOU LOSE

THINK ADVICE

Beware the morning after

You could be over the legal limit many hours after your last drink, even if it's the 'morning after'. Sleep, coffee and cold showers don't help to sober you up - time is the only way to get alcohol out of your system.

There is no excuse for drink driving

"I can handle my drink."

Alcohol affects everybody's driving for the worse. It creates a feeling of overconfidence, makes judging distance and speed more difficult and slows your reactions so it takes longer to stop

"I'm only going down the road."

A large proportion of all drink drive crashes occur within three miles of the start of the journey.

If you're planning to drink alcohol, plan how to get home without driving

Options include agreeing on a designated driver, saving a taxi number to your phone, or finding out about public transport routes and times before you go out.

Don't offer an alcoholic drink to someone you know is planning to drive

Even if you're not driving, you can help reduce the number of people who are killed and injured every year by drink driving.

Don't accept a lift from a driver you know has drunk alcohol

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Sealed bids, bearing the name of the sender, should be returned to the Parish Clerk at the address below by the 8th January, 2016:

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Any person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to The Licensing Manager, East Devon District Council, Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth, EX10 8HL not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. www.eastdevon.gov.uk

A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours.

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UNTIL THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH

AXMINSTER: Visit a new pop-up shop, Artemis House Gallery, selling a wide range of paintings, prints, cards, stained glass, lamps and mirrors by local artists Christine Allison, Anthea Simmons, Ann Pengelly, Elizabeth Richie, Trisha Hayman, Pam Allsop and Karol Kulik. Open Thursdays–Sundays 10.15am–4.00pm. Artemis House, 7 West Street, Axminster, Devon EX13 5NX. www.artemishouse.co.uk

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15TH

CREWKERNE: Christmas Bingo at George Reynolds Sports Centre, doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.
AXMOUTH: St Michael's Church 12.30pm Colyton Grammar School Junior Choir preform a selection of Christmas Carols and Songs. Entry by donation to the Friends of Axmouth Church.
CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16TH

BEER: Jurassic Folk in the Function Room at the Dolphin Hotel, Beer, EX12 3EQ. Starts 8pm through to 10.30pm. For more details contact, Andrew 01404 46451 or Adrian 01404 549 903.
AXMINSTER: Coffee Afternoon and Cooking Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 2.30–4pm. At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk
CHARD: Rotary Club of Chard holding a Carols By Candlelight Service, in Chard Methodist Church, at 7.30pm. Admission free, but a collection for Chard & Crewkerne After-Stroke Group, and other rotary charities. Coffee and mince pies, afterwards.
COLYTON: Colyton Carnival Christmas Bingo. At Colyton Town Hall. Eyes down 8pm. Usual Christmas goodies and cash flyer.
CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre, cash prizes. Eyes down 2.30pm.
SIDMOUTH: Seasonal Sounds from the Talatones Handbell Choir and The Sidford Vocal Quartet, 2.30pm at Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields, Temple Street. Free admission, bucket collection for Music Room Restoration Fund
SEATON: A Community 'Come and Sing Carols' at Seaton Methodist Church, 7.30pm. There will be one or two short interludes while we all catch our breath, but most of the singing is communal. There will be refreshments after the event. So – 'Come and Sing Carols' with us – everyone will be very welcome.

WEDNESDAY DEC 16TH – SATURDAY DEC 19TH

CREWKERNE: Christmas Tree Festival will be held in St. Bartholomew's Church, from 9.30am–5.30pm (Friday 18th till 4pm). Admission free, donations for church welcome. Refreshments available. Children's picture competition.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 17TH

AXMINSTER: Cook and Chat coffee morning and cooking demo. For Parents/Carers with children, by HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster 9.30–11am. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.
HONITON: Honiton 55+ Club. Lunch club, 2 courses for £5. Mondays, Thursday and Fridays. All welcome at St Michael's Centre, Orchard Way (EX14 1HU). For more details call 01404 43545.
SIDMOUTH: Thursday Market in St Johns Hall, Blackmore Drive. 9am–3pm. Every Thursday until December 17th.
CREWKERNE: Pioga (pilates and balance) at Stav Martial Arts Centre, 7.45pm.
CHARD: Holyrood's Got Talent show. At Holyrood Academy. Doors 6.30pm for 7pm start. Tickets are £2 adults and £1 for children, available from the the Learning Centre. Acts range from singers, dancers, gymnasts, baton twirling and magicians! All proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Society, a charity very close to Holyrood Principal Mr Brook's heart. Please come along, enjoy some refreshments, partake in the raffle and support these talented children who have worked extremely hard!

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dance at the Victoria Hall. 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 p.p. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520
SEATON: Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30–12.30. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At The United Reformed Church Hall, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information, email admin@halff.org.uk or go to www.halff.org.uk.
HONITON: Honiton 55+ Club. Lunch club, 2 courses for £5. Mondays, Thursday and Fridays. All welcome at St Michael's Centre, Orchard Way (EX14 1HU). For more details call 01404 43545.
SIDMOUTH: Market in the Methodist Hall, 9am–3pm.
HAWKCHURCH: Bingo at Hawkchurch Village Hall, to include Christmas Special and Children's Special. Draw, mince pies and cash prizes. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.
CREWKERNE: Pioga over 50s (pilates and balance) at Henhayes Centre, 9.30am
WHITELACKINGTON: Stanchester Quire Christmas Concert, 7.30pm at Whitelackington Church, £8 per ticket including refreshments. Tickets available from Minster Pharmacy in Ilminster. Any further questions please call 01460 54952.
AXMOUTH: St Michael's Church 7.30pm Axe Valley Community Choir Concert. Entry by Donation to Friends of Axmouth Church.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19TH

MERRIOTT: Carols & Classics 7. An evening of Festive arrangements and Classical Music by the Fisher Sinfonia (7th year). Musicians from UK Leading Orchestras at All Saints Church Merriott (TA165PS). 7pm. Mince Pies & Refreshments 7:30pm Concert. £8 ticket Reserve to avoid disappointment on 01460 76360. Church Fabric Fund.
KILMINGTON: Churches Together lead Carols for the Community at Millers Farm Shop from 3–4 pm. Live Band, mulled wine, sweets & eats. All welcome. Brian Lavender 01297 34922

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20TH

SIDMOUTH: Ballroom & sequence dancing hosted by Jean & David raising funds for ShelterBox. £3 each.Licensed Cafe open for light refreshments. At Stowford Centre EX10 9YL. 2.30–5pm.
SIDMOUTH: ShelterBox Tea Dance at Stowford Centre. 2.30pm. Ballroom & Sequence dancing hosted by Jean and David (01395 579856). £3 per dancer, licensed cafe open for light refreshments.
HONITON: Carols by Candlelight at Evangelical Congregational Church, High Street, 6pm.
HONITON: Carols Service at Methodist Church, Chapel Street, off New Street, 10.30am.

MONDAY DECEMBER 21ST

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall, doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.
CREWKERNE: Crewkerne AWareness December Meeting. Guest Speaker: Jennifer Gauld on 'Ghost Busting'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm – 9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Festive Refreshments) Festive Draw with lovely prizes. Please bring plate of food to share. Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019

TUESDAY DECEMBER 22ND

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.
SIDMOUTH: Ruishton Concertina Band 'Christmas Crackers' concert at Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields, Temple Street, 7.45pm. Sing aloud and tap your feet. Free entry, bucket collection for restoration fund.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23RD

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre, cash prizes. Eyes down 2.30pm.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH

CREWKERNE: John De Barra live at the King William.
HONITON: Crib Service in the Church of England St Paul's, High Street, 11am.
HONITON: Carols (10.30pm), Christmas Eucharist (11pm) at Church of England St Paul's, High Street.
HONITON: Carol Service with Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, 8pm.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25TH

HONITON: Holy Communion (traditional) at 8am, and Christmas Eucharist at 9.30am, at Church of England St Paul's, High Street.
HONITON: Short Celebration Service at Community Church at the Beehive Centre, Dowell Road, 10am.
HONITON: Family Service at Evangelical Congregational Church, High Street, 10.30am.
HONITON: Christmas Family Service led by Mr John Firth, at Family Church (Baptists Together), High Street, 10.30am.
HONITON: Christmas Day Family Service led by minister Rev Jonathan Froggatt at Methodist Church, Chapel Street, off New Street, 10.30am.
HONITON: Christmas Day Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, 11am.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings – weekly listings without dates may not be published.

Who is the fairest one of all?

Find out when Seaton Panto perform Snow White in February

SEATON Panto is staging *Snow White* at The Gateway, Seaton Town Hall from February 11th to 14th.

The script is another hilarious Alan Frayn creation full of the usual traditional panto fun and corny jokes. Popular songstress Milly Chaplyn plays Snow White, and the seven dwarfs are played by children. Tickets will be on sale from Monday, January 4th.

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■ Milly Chaplyn, with children(from left to right) – Emily Allen, Georgina Lees, Molly Smith, Peter Johns, Hannah Peach, Perran Ellynn and Stephen Johns

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Ottery Silver Band's Christmas Concert

FOR THE perfect chance to take a break from Christmas preparations, take a stroll down to The Institute, Ottery St Mary on Friday, December 18th at 7.45pm, to enjoy a fabulous evening of music performed by the Ottery St Mary Silver Band.

Since 2015 is the 50th anniversary of the much-loved film version of *The Sound of Music*, the band will be playing a medley of songs from the show and the audience will be more than welcome to sing along to their favourite numbers. The tenor horn and trombone sections of the band will have a special role in the concert too: Paul Bridgman will be performing a tenor horn solo of the gentle "A Time for Peace", a complete contrast to the lively "Frolic for Trombones". There will also be an entertaining selection of wonderful Christmas music including 'Russian Sleigh Ride' and a modern arrangement of 'In the Bleak Mid-winter'.

Ottery St Mary is fortunate to not only have the Silver Band but also a training band, Brass Class, for newer players of all ages. Brass Class has its own slot in the programme, which will be the debut for five new members of the band, and will be performing music from the 1950s right up to the present day: 'Rockin Around the Christmas Tree', 'A Starry Night'. 'Where are you Christmas?' (from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas)* and the popular 'Let It Go' (from Disney's *Frozen*).

And, of course, no Christmas concert would be complete without Christmas carols for everyone to join in.

Tickets are available now at the Ottery Tourist Information Centre (01404 813964) or the Ottery branch of Gilbert Stephens Solicitors (01404 812228).

Any unsold tickets will be available on the door but, be warned, the Christmas concert was a sell-out last year so buy your tickets early, before they all go!

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SANTA, with his splendid sleigh and team of Sidmouth Lions helpers, will be touring Sidmouth, Sidford, Sidbury and Newton Poppleford between 5pm and 8pm on weeknights until December 22nd.

Santa will be visiting Waitrose store at Stowford from 10am to 4pm on Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th and Friday, December 18th.

All donations to the Lions Club, which will be gratefully received, will be used for Lions community service and charity activities.

Santa's routes for December 2015

Tuesday, December 15
SIDFORD. Starting at 5.30pm at Warrens Mead, into Orchard Close, Byes Lane, Drakes Avenue, Fleming Avenue, Lockyer Avenue, South Lawn, Jubilee Gardens and Malden Road.

Wednesday, December 16
Santa will be at Waitrose store, Stowford, from 10am to 4pm.

Thursday December 17
Santa will be at Waitrose store, Stowford, from 10am to 4pm, then:
NEWTON POPPLEFORD
East side (from Otter Reach to 'Cannon Inn'). Starting at 5.30 pm in Otter Reach estate then up main road into School Lane, Glebelands, Turner Close, Lower Farthings, Brook Meadow and Meadow Drive estate.

Friday December 18
Santa will be at Waitrose store, Stowford, from 10am to 4 pm, then:
NEWTON POPPLEFORD West side (from 'Cannon Inn' to 'Southern Cross Tea Rooms'). Starting at 5.30 pm in King Alfred Way, down Exmouth Road, into Badger Close, Littledown Lane, Littledown Orchard, Exmouth Road, on to Exeter Road, past 'Woodleys Yard' into Burrow Lane, Burrow Close, then Hillside and back towards Burrow and main road.

Monday December 21
Starting at 5.30 pm at Manstone Lane junction, up Manstone Lane into Tyrrell Mead, Bramble Close, Coombe Hayes, Summerfield, Newlands Close, Newlands Road and Jubilee Close.

Tuesday December 22
Starting at 5.30pm from Lawn Vista, up Peaslands Road, Elm Close, Hill View, Higher Hill View, then up Knapp Hill, back down Peaslands, into Highfield, then Brewery Lane, Vicarage Road and Victoria Road.

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Defrosted

Clown do Frozen!

AFTER a very successful Edinburgh Fringe this summer where they were voted Scottish TV's Best Children;s Show 2015, join Cat & Nicko (CBBC) for one big, bonkers blast of fun,

Expect songs, snow and a very silly show, "silly for all the right reasons." (Fringe Review) at The Beehive on Monday, December 21st at 11am and 2.30pm, for only £5 a ticket.

Defrosted is a fantastic adventure for all the family featuring parodies of your children's favourite *Frozen* moments, lots of interaction and physical comedy.

Look out for Cat in brand new CBBC show called Spot Bots with Ben Faulks (aka Mr Bloom). Or you may have seen her kicking herself in the head on CBBC's comedy sketch show FIT!

Festive, funky Christmas party with Area 52

AFTER last year's sell out Christmas party, the band Area 52 are back with their great selection of soul, funk, pop and disco numbers and some Christmas crackers too!

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Area 52 play at the Beehive on Friday, December 18th. Book quickly as tickets are in demand. Checkout the beehive website: www.beehivehoniton.co.uk for more details.

Area 52

Good Vibrations at Winstons this Christmas

The Beach Boys Band

SINCE its inception, the reputation of The Beach Boys Band has continued to grow, they are now one of the most sought after 1960s tribute acts around.

Based in the south west of the UK the band have a 2016 tour being planned taking in Bristol, Bath, Bournemouth, Plymouth, Birmingham and other cities throughout the UK, with a European leg starting in August with a huge tribute festival in the Netherlands. The tour has to fit around all the private party bookings they already have booked.

Part of the attraction of The Beach Boys Band show is that it appeals to all ages, the many and varied evergreen Beach Boys' hits together with the mass exposure they have received over the years have become part of the very fabric of everyday life.

The show's unique content is such that it is melodic enough for a sit down audience yet at the same time, has the energy and drive to inspire people wishing to dance the night away!

To create a truly believable and memorable tribute act, both vocal and instrumental sounds must be replicated to the finest detail. It is this attention to detail, that have made The Beach Boys Band the popular attraction they are today. From the early songs of surf and sports cars to the more sophisticated sounds of recording projects like *Pet Sounds*, the Beach Boys' music was the soundtrack to a whole generation of young people, not just in the United States but worldwide.

Delivering the songs that everyone knows and loves, from the finesse and sheer beauty of 'God Only Knows' to the pulsating masterpiece 'Good Vibrations', The Beach Boys Band deliver a live performance that reflects both their enthusiasm for their work and mastery of a genre of music that is generally accepted as being both complicated and difficult to perform live.

The Beach Boys Band play at Winstons, Seaton on Saturday, December 19th. See the advert below for more details and ticket information.

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Ilminster Entertainment Society's Railway Children production is one not to miss

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN
by Ilminster Entertainment Society
December 10th–12th & 17th–19th
Review by Nicky Sweetland

ILMINSTER Entertainment society are well known within the local theatre going fraternity for their high quality productions and with such an enviable reputation to uphold, the group decided this year to present an alternative to the regular Christmas show, with a musical version of the E. Nesbit classic story, The Railway Children.

The beloved children's tale, was set to music back in 2005 by the writing partnership of Julian Woolford and Richard John who gave the drama a lift by adding some perky tunes and charming lyrics.

The plot follows a family who are forced to move out of their plush London residence following a stinging accusation of espionage. They are made to downsize and move to the sticks, where they find their new modest dwelling happens to be next to a railway line.

The station master Mr Perks, played by Mick Glynn, leads the action from the start. With a jaunty demeanour and warmth he befriends the family and acts as the show's narrator, singing some lovely numbers and ensuring the pace never wains. His scenes with the children, played by Silvey Webber, Daniel Fowler and Matilda Bloomfield are truly captivating and with a pleasing voice, he really captures the lovable fellow.

Local stage star Silvey Webber proves once again why she is gaining real acclaim after recently wowing audiences in Axminster with her portrayal of Sarah Brown in Guys and Dolls. The Warehouse is now being treated to her heavenly vocals and her on point characterisation as she plays Bobby, the role famously played by Jenny Agutter in the 1970 film adaptation. Along with the adorable Daniel Fowler and the feisty Matilda Bloomfield, both of whom show fabulous maturity with their performances, the trio set out on some adventures which include possibly the most memorable scene, in which the children are forced to stop a train by waving their red bloomers following a landslide. Oh, and did I mention the train? I won't give too much away, but let's just say the sequence is extremely impressive with some ingenious staging and breathtaking effects.

The children's stoical mother is played with absolute grace by Colleen MacMahon and Marcus Wood adds a bit of romance as the scrumptious Jim. He also joins the remarkable ensemble who's united sound resonates around the auditorium and who, with the help of the junior chorus give a lively and energetic performance throughout.

Producer Alison Haines even manages to get in some local references which as the theatre is set so close to the West Somerset railway is a really nice touch.

So, rather than wasting time and money on the London production or some other festive offering this year, get your tickets for this wonderful adaptation of The Railway Children before it's too late.

The Railway Children runs at the Warehouse Theatre in Ilminster from December 17th–19th. For more details visit the website at www.thewarehousetheatre.org.uk

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN CAST AND CREW

Cast: Mick Glynn, Marcus Palmer, Colleen MacMahon, Daniel Fowler, Jessica Richards, Katie Richards, Gabrielle Lucas, Rozanna Carter, Marcus Wood, Matthew Haines, Alison Palmer, Maggie Griffiths, Silvey Webber, Sarah Patuck, Matilda Bloomfield, Carol Leese, Iona Davis, Christopher Carter, Emily Dixon, Gabrielle Lucas, Oliver Wild.

Crew: Producer/Director–Alison Haines, Musical Direction and Ballet Choreography–Silvey Webber, Designer–Kevin Fairburn, Lighting and Sound–Dan Jones, Stage Manager–Kayleigh Partt, Assistant Stage Managers–Martin Webber, Andy Fowler, Kevin Fairburn, Mark Richards, Lighting and Sound Operators–Brian Perkins, Dan Jones, Follow Spot–Lani Crocker, Set Construction–Kevin Farburn, Martin Webber, Mark Richards, Properties–Carol Leese, Costumes–Kate White, assisted by Louise Adams, Viv Barnes, Ursula McKinlay, Makeup and Hair–Louise Adams, Prompt–Maddie Lowe, Rehearsal Pianists–Eileen Barrington and Louise Adams, Music recorded by Marcus Wood, Chaperones–Annabelle Fowler, Louise Adams, Hazel Richards, Alison Haines.

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There are only a limited number of seats on our snug single deck tramcars for The Polar Express™. So, to avoid disappointment, please book your place by going online to www.tram.co.uk or telephoning 01297 20375 in advance. The Polar Express™ will be running from December 18-24th 2015.

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And at Christmas time, what better way to explore the Jurassic Coast at Seaton as well as the wintry scenes along the River Axe Estuary and Axe Estuary Wetlands with all the amazing wildlife to be seen, including deer, maybe even Rudolph! If you fancy a bit of fresh air and time away from the TV the Tramway will be open on Sunday, December 27th and also on Friday, January 1st 2016 again when we invite travellers to join us for a glass of bubbly for adults and a soft drink for children to celebrate the start of 2016.

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Hawkchurch Christmas Tree Festival is bigger than ever this year

HAWKCHURCH Parish Church is holding its annual Christmas tree competition and festival on Monday, December 20th. Dozens of clubs and societies from all over the area are designing and making their own entries for the event, leading up to a grand display of trees in the church itself. Trees will have a novel theme chosen by the clubs themselves, with handmade decorations.

Everyone is invited to attend, and entry is free. The winner is decided by popular choice, with everyone visiting the display entitled to vote for their favourite tree for £1 per vote.

Past winners have included a tree-shaped pile of footballs from Hawkchurch FC. Last year's winner was for the Save Axminster Hospital beds camapign, decorated with tiny hand-made beds, ambulances and other medical items.

The competition is now in its eleventh year and is featured on the December page of the 'Colours of EX13' calendar for 2016, which is being sold to promote the restoration of the Minster church in Axminster.

This year's competition is bigger and better than ever with 39 entries. As always, the proceeds will be donated to the church maintenance fund. Last year the event raised more than £1,000.

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FESTIVE Television & FILM

A preview of festive TV and Film
by Nicky Sweetland

Downton Abbey returns this Christmas Day for the Finale. Romance is in the air at Downton but, for some, the year's end will prove bittersweet.

Doctor Who
The Husbands of River Song
5.15pm **BBC1**

When a crashed spaceship calls upon his help, the Time Lord finds himself launched on a chase across the galaxy Greg Davis and Matt Lucas guest-star

IF you're looking forward to snuggling up in front of the TV this Christmas, look no further than our Festive View for an extensive guide to all of your holiday viewing.

There are all of the usual Yuletide offerings including the soaps vying for top spot on Christmas day and the Doctor Who Christmas special which this year will see the return of the Doctor's beloved wife River Song.

For musicals fans there are a plethora of jazz hands to choose from with The Sound of Music Live! on ITV on December 20th and Gypsy with the multi award winning Imelda Staunton on December 27th. Lyme Regis' own West End star Luke Street can be seen in the production, which was filmed at the Savoy theatre in October.

We've also got the pick of this year's films, including some almost compulsory family viewing.

DOCTOR WHO

It seems like 'Doctor Who' is making up for the death of Clara Oswald (Jenna Coleman) by unleashing a truly special Christmas episode this year. The show will mark the return of Alex Kingston as the Doctor's beloved wife River Song, in the episode entitled 'The Husbands of River Song'.

"It's Christmas Day on a remote human colony and the Doctor is hiding from Christmas Carols and Comedy Antlers. But when a crashed spaceship calls upon the Doctor for help, he finds himself recruited into River Song's squad and hurled into a fast and frantic chase across the galaxy. King Hydroflax (Greg Davies) is furious, and his giant Robot bodyguard is out-of-control and coming for them all! Will Nardole (Matt Lucas) survive? And when will River Song work out who the Doctor is?"

DOWNTON ABBEY

Romance abounds in the final episode of Downton Abbey, but for some the year's end is bitter-sweet.

Mary endeavours to build bridges but Edith's secret continues to pose a threat, even after she thought there was nothing left to lose.

As Henry settles into the role of husband, scars left by Charlie's death are slow to heal, while Carson struggles to come to terms with developments which prove that even he is not invulnerable to change.

Spratt's successful moonlighting venture is threatened by the conniving of Denker, and Daisy may have missed her chance with an admirer.

Isobel receives devastating news and when the Greys' scheming takes a sinister turn, she and Violet join forces.

Robert must learn the value of independence, while the day that Anna and Bates have been waiting for arrives.

The last ever episode offers all the love and loss, happiness and heartbreak of Downton Abbey, and as the family and servants prepare to welcome 1926 with an unforgettable New Year's Eve we will share our final two hours in their company, and reflect on the ending of a television event.

CHRISTMAS SOAP HIGHLIGHTS

EASTENDERS

Walford isn't known as the place to go for Christmas cheer and this festive season is no different, with the Mitchells and Beales at war, and Dean seeking revenge on Mick and Linda as they prepare to tie the knot. A helping of joy does come in the form of a baby boy however, although with a potential paternal struggle, it doesn't look like it will be all that merry for Stacey.

CORONATION STREET

Norris is displeased as Emily takes off on her South American adventures, and Fizz and Tyrone are set for an emotional rollercoaster with the prospect of Hope remaining in hospital and missing the festivities.

EMMERDALE

Corrie Legend Liz Dawn (aka Vera Duckworth) puts in an appearance at the B&B and Pollard gives a good impression of Scrooge, but the Dingles are in the thick of the action this Christmas with Belle bursting to spill the beans about Joanie and Zak.

HOLLYOAKS

There are two special hour-long episodes on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve with Ste and John Paul taking the spotlight during the Christmas Eve special. The dangerous Freddie Roscoe will make his exciting return as Reenie and Porsche prepare to leave.

Jurassic Park
Boxing Day
1.20 - 3.40pm **ITV**

OUR TOP FIVE FILM PICKS

Christmas Eve - The Polar Express
ITV 5.25 - 7.25pm

1. Christmas Eve-The Polar Express
TV 5.25-7.25pm
In this animated tale a boy finds his belief in Father Christmas is restored by an incredible journey to the North Pole on board a magical train.

2. Christmas Day-The Wizard of OZ
C5 3.10-5.10pm
An absolute must for Christmas day, the adaptation of L Frank Baum's classic fable may be the most beloved fantasy film of all time.

3. Boxing Day-Jurassic Park
ITV 1.20-3.40pm
Steven Spielberg's adaptation of the Michael Crichton bestselling novel featuring the world's ultimate theme park, which houses genetically engineered Dinosaurs.

4. New Year's Eve-Up
BBC1 2.50-4.45pm
The breathtaking Pixar masterwork follows widower Carl Fredrickson as he fulfills a lifelong dream. An emotional and beautiful animated family film.

5. New Year's Day-Tangled
C4 6.00-8.00pm
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THE SOUND OF MUSIC

The Sound of Music Live airs Sunday 20th December, from 7.30pm on ITV

This Christmas ITV are presenting The Sound of Music Live, a new television dramatisation of the world's most popular musical. The ambitious two-and-a-half hour musical drama will be transmitted live on ITV in what will be the "must see" event of the year.

The timeless and true story of Maria and the von Trapp family will come to life on soundstages at London's Three Mills Studios. Based on the original stage musical with a book by Lindsay & Crouse and suggested by The Trapp Family Singers by Maria Augusta Trapp, The Sound of Music Live will include all of the songs from its classic score by Rodgers and Hammerstein, including How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria, Edelweiss, Do-Re-Mi, My Favourite Things, Climb Ev'ry Mountain and the title song.

The spectacular cast includes Kara Tointon (Mr Selfridge, Pygmalion, EastEnders) as Maria; Julian Ovenden (Downton Abbey, Smash, My Night With Reg) as Captain Georg von Trapp; Katherine Kelly (Mr Selfridge, She Stoops To Conquer, Coronation Street) as Baroness Elsa Schraeder and Alexander Armstrong (Armstrong and Miller, Pointless, Danger Mouse) as Max Detweiler. Olivier Award winning actress, Maria Friedman (Rag2me, The Woman in White, Chicago) joins the cast as Mother Abbess and actor and comedian, Mel Giedroyc (BAFTA nominated Sadie J) will appear as Frau Schmidt.

The Sound Of Music 20th December, from 7.30pm, ITV

▲ Kara Tointon as Maria

THE SOUND OF MUSIC TRIVIA

- The Sound of Music was not the first name that Rodgers & Hammerstein thought of for their new musical. They initially wanted to call it Love Song
- The Sound of Music has been staged on every continent save Antarctlca. It was the last musical writen by Rodgers with Hammerstein in a remarkable career that also included Oklahoma!, The King and I and South Pacific
- 'Edelweiss' was the last song they wrote for the musical score, and the last song Oscar Hammerstein II ever wrote; he died in August of 1960, about 10 months after the musical had opened on Broadway in November of 1959
- When the stage play of The Sound of Music was transformed into a film, three songs were dropped. They were: 'How Can Love Survive?' sung by Max and Elsa, 'No Way to Stop It' sung by Max, Elsa and the Captain, and 'An Ordinary Couple' sung by Maria and the Captain
- There are seven von Trapp children in the musical - Liesl, Freidrich, Louisa, Kurt, Brigitta, Marta and Gretl. The real von Trapp children were actually named, from oldest to youngest, Rupert, Werner, Hedwig, Johanna, Marlna, Agatha, and Maria
- Scnnitzel with noodles is a "favourite thing" in The Sound of Music but it isn't Austrian - Hammerstein invented this dish!

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FESTIVE Quiz

Just for fun Answers below

1. In the Christmas Carol, 'Away in the Manger' what was the little Lord Jesus asleep on?

2. In the film Elf, what is the best way to spread Christmas cheer?

3. In what country, the world's seventh largest by geographical area, is Christmas known as Bada Din (the big day)?

4. Which Christmas condiment is made from fruit sometimes referred to as marshworts?

5. Charles Dickens is said to have considered the names Little Larry and Puny Pete for which character? (Bonus point: in which Dickens novel did the character appear?)

6. The Latin word meaning 'coming' gave us what term which still refers to the coming Christmas period, and also to a particular tradition popular with children?

7. The surname Chandler derives from the making or selling of what?

8. In 'The Twelve Days Of Chritsmas', what are there twelve of?

9. Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean, is a territory of which country?

10. Who had the Christmas number one in 1982 with 'Save Your Love'?

11. What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?

12. What is the name of the German yeast cake often served at Christmas?

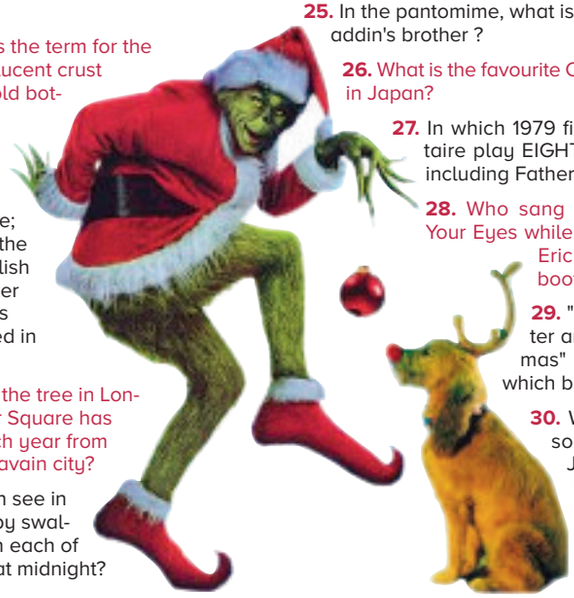
13. Who played the lead in the 1988 film 'Scrooged'?

14. Beeswing is the term for the crackled translucent crust that forms on old bottles of which popular Christmas tipple?

15. True or false; before turkey, the traditional English Christmas dinner included a pig's head smothered in mustard.

16. Since 1947, the tree in London's Trafalgar Square has been a gift each year from which Sacndinavain city?

17. The Spanish see in the New Year by swallowing what on each of the 12 chimes at midnight?



18. Who was the first British monarch to give a televised Royal Christmas Message?

19. What gift is an anagram of ESNEC-NIKNARF?

20. According to the old Julian calendar, which date in January do the Greeks celebrate Christmas?

21. Which saint gave bags of gold to the poor and has since inspired us to give chocolate covered coins at Christmas time?

22. What did Harry Worth host on Christmas Day 1970 when it was shown in colour for the first time on BBC1?

23. What type of animal carried Mary to Bethlehem on its back?

24. Which Beatrix Potter book is set around Christmastide?

25. In the pantomime, what is the name of Aladdin's brother ?

26. What is the favourite Christmas Dinner in Japan?

27. In which 1979 film did Fred Astaire play EIGHT different roles including Father Christmas ?

28. Who sang Smoke Gets In Your Eyes while wearing one of Eric Morecambe's boots?

29. "It is always winter and never Christmas" is a quote from which book?

30. With which seasonal product did J C Hall make his millions ?

ANSWERS: 1: The hay , **2:** Singing loud for all to hear, **3:** India, **4:** Cranberry sauce, **5:** Tiny Tim - A Christmas Carol, **6:** Advent (as in advent calendars - the 'coming' basically refers to the birth of Christ), **7:** Candles, **8:** Drummers Drumming, **9:** Australia, **10:** Renée and Renato, **11:** Wattle, **12:** Stollen, **13:** Bill Murray, **14:** Port, **15:** True, **16:** Oslo, Norway, **17:** A grape, **18:** Elizabeth II (1957), **19:** Frankincense, **20:** 7th January, **21:** Saint Nicholas, **22:** Disney Time, **23:** A Donkey, **24:** The Tailor of Gloucester, **25:** Wishee Washee, **26:** KFC, **27:** The Man in the Santa Claus Suit, **28:** Shirley Bassey, **29:** The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, **30:** Christmas Cards (Hallmark).

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FESTIVE Recipes

Chocolate Christmas Pudding

Preparation time
30 mins plus overnight soaking
Cooking time 3 hours 30 minutes
Serves: 6-8

Ingredients

- 350g luxury mixed dried fruit
- 100g ready-to-eat dried figs, chopped finger nail size
- 100ml stout, preferably chocolate stout
- 60g unsalted butter, room temperature
- 60g dark brown muscovado sugar
- 60g clear honey
- 2 large eggs, room temperature, beaten
- 60g plain flour
- 125g fresh white breadcrumbs
- ½ tsp ground mixed spice
- ¼ tsp grated nutmeg
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 medium Cox's eating apple, cored and grated
- 10g chopped almonds
- 100g pine nuts
- 100g dark chocolate, perferably Divine

Preparation method

1. Put the dried fruit, chopped figs and the stout into a mixing bowl. Stir well then cover with clingfilm and leave to soak for 8-12 hours, or overnight - if possible, give the mixture the odd stir now and then.
2. The next day, beat the butter with the sugar and honey in a large mixing bowl, using an electric whisk or wooden spoon. Gradually beat in the eggs, beating well after each addition and fold in the flour until evenly mixed.
3. In another bowl, mix the breadcrumbs with all the spices, grated apple, almonds and pine nuts. When thoroughly combined, stir into the egg mixture with the soaked fruit and any liquid in the bowl
4. Break or chop the chocolate into small pieces and stir into the pudding mixture, making sure the chocolate is evenly distributed.
5. Spoon into a 1.1 litre buttered pudding basin. Tap the bowl gently on the work top to expel any air pockets then cover with a layer of greased greaseproof paper pleated in the middle to allow for expansion, then foil (or use a snap-on lid). Tie securely with string and loop the string across the top to make a handle for easy removal.
6. Steam or boil the pudding in a pan of boiling water: stand the bowl on an upturned saucer then pour in boiling water from the kettle so the water comes 2/3 up the side of the bowl.
7. Simmer gently for 3½ hours, topping up with boiling water from time to time so the pan doesnt boil dry. Remove the bowl from the pan and when cold cover with fresh paper and foil. Store in the fridge for up to month. .
8. To serve steam or boil as before for 2 hours. Turn out onto a platter to serve.

Mincemeat slices

Preparation time
14 mins
Cooking time
20 mins
Makes:
12 slices

Ingredients

- 140g/5oz butter or margaine
- 85g/3oz soft brown sugar
- 230g/8oz plain or whole wheat flour
- 114g/4oz poridge oats
- 340-455g/12-16oz mincemeat

Preparation method

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C or 400°F.
2. Grease a shallow baking tin, 11 x 7 inches.
3. Melt the butter or margarine gently in a large saucepan. Add the sugar and mix well.
4. While the butter and sugar are being heated up, mix the porridge oats & flour together in a bowl..
5. When the butter & sugar mixture have turned to liquid, take the pan off the heat and add the flour & oat mixture gradually, stirring all the time.
6. When it is all thoroughly mixed and blended, spoon HALF the mixture into a well greased shallow baking tin.
7. With the flat of your hand, press the mixture down firmly all over - making sure it gets into all the corners!
8. The firmer you press, the less crumbly it will be when it has been cooked & therefore easier to pick up and eat!

Swedish Glog

Preparation time 5 mins
Cooking time 15 mins

Ingredients

- 2x750ml bottles of fruity red wine
- 1x750ml bottle of port
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 14 whole cloves
- 1 orange, peeled and cut into thin strips
- 1 cup white sugar or to taste
- 3/4 cup rum, or to taste
- 1 cup raisons
- 1 cup flaked almonds

Preparation method

1. Gently simmer the red wine, port wine, cinnamon sticks, whole cloves, and orange peel in a large pot set over medium-low heat. Stir in the sugar, rum, and brandy. Continue simmering 5 minutes more, stirring to completely dissolve the sugar, and the mixture is steaming but not boiling.
2. Mix the raisins and almonds together in a bowl.
3. To serve, ladle into coffee cups or Swedish-style small glass or ceramic mugs. Garnish each cup with a spoonful of the raisin and almond mixture.

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FESTIVE Television

Thursday, December 24th

Stuart Little **Channel4** 12.30pm

Stuart Little is a 1999 American family comedy film directed by Rob Minkoff. It is loosely based on the novel of the same name by E. B. White. It combines live action and computer animation.

The Snowman and The Snowdog
5.25pm **Channel4**

Animated sequel to *The Snowman*. A boy makes a snowman and snowdog that come to life.

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Jon Kay, Naga Munchetty.
9.00 David Suchet: In the Footsteps of St Paul
2/2 How Paul brought Christianity to the Mediterranean world, before falling foul of the Romans.
10.00 On Angel Wings
Animated adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's reworking of the Nativity.
10.30 The Santa Clause ★★★
Fantasy starring Tim Allen. A divorced father steps into Santa's shoes.
12.00 Bargain Hunt
In Corby, Northamptonshire.
1.00pm BBC News Weather;
Regional News
1.20 Snow Chick: a Penguin's Tale
Following the first few months in the life of an emperor penguin.
2.20-3.50 A Christmas Carol ★★★
Animated fantasy based on Charles Dickens's tale, starring Jim Carrey.
3.50pm Finding Nemo ★★★★★
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Albert Brooks and Ellen DeGeneres. Clownfish Marlin leaves the safety of the reef to rescue his son Nemo from a scuba diver.
5.20 Harry Hill In Professor Branestawm Returns
When Lady Pagwell dies, leaving a legacy to fund local inventing, Branestawm thinks his money troubles are over. But scheming councillor Haggerstone insists that an inventing contest be held to decide who gets the cash.
6.20 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
6.40 Celebrity Mastermind
3/10. Radzi Chinyanganya, Damon Gough, Rebecca Root and Kriss Akabusi take turns in the black chair.
7.10 Pointless Celebrities Christmas Special
Su Pollard and Jeffrey Holland, Colin Baker and Louise Jameson, Alison Hammond and Robin Windson and the Krankies play the game.
8.00 Would I Lie to You? At Christmas
Bill Bailey, Ruth Jones, Jo Brand and Dame Kelly Holmes tell festive fibs - or truths.
8.30 EastEnders
Sharon drops a bombshell.
9.05 Peter Kay: 20 Years of Funny
Contributions from friends and colleagues - as well as an interview with the man himself-combine to trace the life and career of the comedian, actor, writer and Director/Producer Ali Lynch.
10.05 Walliams and Friend
David Walliams returns with a new sketch show, with Joanna Lumley as his sidekick.
10.45 Not Going Out
Christmas Shopping. A trip to a department store turns Christmas upside down.
11.30 BBC News Weather
11.45 Midnight Mass from St George's Cathedral, Southwark
Live service led by the Most Reverend Peter Smith.
1.00am Serendipity ★★★ Romantic comedy starring John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale.
2.25 Weather
2.30 - 6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.20am Homes under the Hammer
7.20 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas
10/10. With chef Paul Ainsworth.
8.05 - 9.05 Sign Zone 8.05 This Wild Life
5/10. The safari camp reopens. 8.35 Great British Menu The Northern Ireland chefs prepare main courses.
9.05 Bedknobs and Broomstlcks ★★★
Musical fantasy starring Angela Lansbury.
11.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure
Si and Dave taste some of Russia's finest foods.
12.00 Natural World
Gentoo penguins raising their chicks in Port Lockroy in the Antarctic.
1.00pm Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit ★★★ Musical comedy starring Whoopi Goldberg and Kathy Najimy.
2.45 Perry and Croft: Made In Britain
How the duo's comedies each encapsulated the end of an era.
4.15 2/2. Gordon sees the wolves as they hunt.
5.15pm Carols from King's
The world-famous choir's traditional celebration from the chapel of King's College, Cambridge opens, as even with a soloist singing Once in Royal David's City. Other well-loved carols include Away in a Manger, O Holy Night and O Come, All Ye Faithful. Poems by Christina Rossetti, Elizabeth Jennings and Thomas Merton help to tell the Nativity story.
6.30 To the Manor Born
Living in reduced circumstances does not mean Audrey will relinquish her duties as Christmas approaches. The festive special from 1979.
7.00 Dad's Army
For the Love of Three Oranges. Mainwaring finds himself bidding against Pike for an orange.
7.30 Christmas University Challenge
5/10. Exeter alumni, including Nick Baker and Barnaby Edwards, battle it out with former students from Magdalen College, Oxford, among them Louis Theroux and Matt Ridley.
8.00 MasterChef: the Professionals
The search for a chef to be crowned 2015 champion reaches its climax, as the three finalists face one last challenge. They are given three hours to cook a starter, a main course and a dessert, with each course showcasing the contenders' execution, flavour and presentation.
9.00 The Great History Quiz: the Tudors
TV historians Lucy Worsley and Dan Snow put their reputations on the line as they head up teams answering questions from Kirsty Young on all aspects of the Tudor era.
10.00 The Scandalous Lady W
Period drama. Natalie Dormer stars as Seymour Lady Worsley, who escapes her troubled marriage and runs off with her husband's best friend, only to find herself at the centre of a very public trial.
11.30 Dial M for Murder ★★★★
Thriller starring Ray Milland and Grace Kelly. When he discovers his wealthy wife Margot is having an affair with novelist Mark Halliday, playboy Tony Wendice hatches a murderous plot to ensure he doesn't wind up penniless.
1.10-3.55am Sign Zone 1.10 Simply Nigella Christmas
Special A guide to stress-free festive cooking and entertaining.
2.10 Christmas Shopping Fever: John Lewis and the Retail Race
The staff are plunged into their busiest period.
3.10 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas
10/10 With chef Paul Ainsworth.

ITV1

6.00am CITV
7.00 Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)
8.30 Lorraine Entertainment and fashion
9.25 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas
Stop-motion animated adventure based on the film Elf.
10.25 Pick Me!
Hosted by Stephen Mulhern.
11.25 Back to the Future Part II ★★★
Sci-fi comedy adventure with Michael J Fox. Marty McFly is whisked forward to 2015 to prevent a crime involving his son.
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News Weather
1.45-3.50 Small Soldiers ★★★
Action Man-type figures come to life and go on the rampage.
3.50pm National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ★★
Comedy. The Griswold family decides to spend a traditional Christmas at home. But their peace is shattered as soon as the decorations start to go up and the relatives arrive.
5.40 All Star Mr & Mrs
Martine McCutcheon, Harry Redknapp, Gwyneth Strong and their respective partners take part.
6.45 ITV Evening News, weather
7.00 Emmerdale
Mistakes from the past return to haunt Zak, while April causes a stir at the Nativity play.
8.00 Coronation Street
As Rob plots his revenge, Tyrone is hoping for a Christmas miracle. Sarah has some advice for Kylie.
8.30 The Abba Christmas Party
An array of stars - including Susan Boyle, Alexandra Burke, Shayne Ward, Catherine Tyldesley, the Feeling, Scouting for Girls and the cast of Mamma Mia! - head to a Scandinavian lodge to perform some of Abba's best-known songs.
9.45 Through the Christmas Keyhole
Keith Lemon disturbs the decorations in the homes of three celebrities, challenging Stephen Mulhern, Claudia Winkleman and Jimmy Carr to guess their identities.
Director Toby Baker; Series producer Arron Ferster
10.45 ITV News Regional News Weather
11.00 Christmas Carols on ITV
Aled Jones joins the congregation of St Elisabeth's in Reddish, Stockport, for a traditional candlelit service featuring everyone's favourite songs of the season and performances by Britain's Got Talent winners Collabro, soul singer Toni Green and singer/songwriter Laura White.
12.00 Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure ★★★★ Comedy starring Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter A representative from the future assists California teenagers Bill and Ted's history studies by enabling them to travel back in time.
1.40am Murder She Wrote Jessica listens to the final confession of a dying hit man.
2.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
3.15 Nightscreen Text information.
5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

6.15am Small Animal Hospital Rescued rabbits.
7.00 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.
7.40 The Snowman Repeated 4.55pm
8.05 Father Christmas
Acclaimed animation, based on Raymond Briggs's book.
8.35 The Simpsons
Bart accidentally destroys the family's Christmas presents.
9.10 Animals United ★★
Animated adventure featuring the voices of James Corden and Stephen Fry.
10.55 Dr Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! ★★★★ Animated adventure based on the children's book, featuring the voice of Jim Carrey.
12.30pm Stuart Little ★★★
Part-animated fantasy adventure based on EB White's story, starring Hugh Laurie.
2.10 Channel 4 News, Sport, Weather
2.15pm It's a Wonderful Life ★★★★★
Classic fantasy drama. Businessman George Bailey is contemplating suicide, when his guardian angel shows him how life would have been had he never lived.
4.55 The Snowman
Animation. A boy's snowman magically comes to life.
5.25 The Snowman and the Snowdog
A boy makes a snowman and a snowdog that come to life and take him to the North Pole.
6.00 Hollyoaks
Reenie and Porsche prepare to leave Hollyoaks.
7.00 Jamie's Night before Christmas
Mr Oliver is on hand to offer expert tips to take all the stress out of cooking for Christmas. He'll be focusing on what we fear most while preparing the family dinner -from incorrect timings to soggy roast potatoes and dry turkey.
8.00 My Crazy Christmas Lights
In south London, Mick mounts an incredible display that really brings the magic of the season home to son Callum, who has cystic fibrosis. In Lancashire, Fred and Mick are determined that their illuminations will outshine those of the local town centre.
9.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Christmas Special
A whole host of familiar faces join regulars Jimmy Carr, Sean Lock and Jon Richardson for a look back at memorable stories from the year Series producer Adam Hutchinson; Executive producers Richard Osman, Ruth Phillips and Andrew Westwell.
10.00 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker
Alex Zane delivers a sackful of treats, including the best way to un-decorate the tree.
11.00 Gogglebox
Ep 15. The households' opinions on recent TV.
12.00 The Inbetweeners
1/6 Series 1. Will's private-school ways do not go down well at his new comprehensive.
12.35am 2/6. Simon and his friends bunk off school.
1.05 3/6. The gang set off on their first road trip.
1.30 4/6. Will somehow pulls a popular girl.
2.00 Man Down
In a Christmas special, Dan and friends Jo and Brian venture onto a farm.
2.30 1/6. Series 2.Dan goes on a date.
2.55 2/6. Dan tries to outdo another teacher's assembly during Community Week.
3.25 Embarrassing Bodies Asymmetric breasts.
4.20 Benchmark Game show.
5.10-5.30am Kirstie's
Handmade Treasures

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake
9.30 The Real Face of Santa Claus
Piecing together the historical clues about St Nicholas.
10.30 Gone with the Wind ★★★★★
Oscar- winning romantic drama, set against the bloodshed and turmoil of the American Civil War starring Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable and Leslie Howard.
2.45pm The Dam Busters ★★★★★
Classic Second World War drama about the audacious RAF mission to destroy the Ruhr dams.
5.15 5 News
5.20 Scrooge ★★★★★
The classic British version of Dickens's tale. On Christmas Eve, a mean businessman is visited by three ghosts.
7.00 Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud
Featuring caterwauling carol singers, the tantrum to end all tantrums and an extremely long "Tacky Lights Tour". Series producers Tim Clifford and Leon Kay
7.55 Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly: OL' Blues Eyes Is Back
In a 1973 TV special, Sinatra returns from a two-year retirement for a concert alongside Gene Kelly.
8.25 Happy Holidays with Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby
Bing joins in on a selection of seasonal hits, in an episode of The Frank Sinatra Show from 1957. Followed by 5 News Update.
8.55 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show
Nostalgic fun with Eric and Ern, featuring celebrity guests including Alvin Stardust.
10.00 Morecambe and Wise's Greatest TV Moments
Memorable sketches and routines from the much-loved duo. Repeated New Year's Day 8pm
11.00 Morecambe and Wise Live! 1973
A rare performance recorded at the Ashcroft Theatre in Croydon, the only live show by the duo to be fully captured on film.
12.30am Scrooge Shown 5.20pm
2.15 SuperCasIno Live gaming.
4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge Tracking down Africa's five big snakes.
4.25 Divine Designs Churches.
4.45-6.00am House Doctor Highlights.
5.10 A cluttered West Midlands house.
5.35 A colourful property.

Morecambe and Wise's Greatest TV Moments
10.00pm **Channel5**

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FESTIVE Television

Friday, December 25th

The Queen BBC1 3.00pm

Her Majesty's Christmas Day address to the nation and the Commonwealth.

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted

12.25pm **BBC1**

Alex, Marty, Melman and Gloria are still struggling to get home to New York. This time, their journey takes them to Europe, where they are relentlessly pursued by the murderous Monaco-based French Animal Control officer Captain Chantel Dubois. As a means of getting passage to North America, the zoo animals join a circus.

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast With Naga Munchetty
9.00 Shrek the Halls
Animated short.
9.20 Clangers
Tiny Clanger has a surprise.
9.35 Danger Mouse: the Snowman Cometh
10.00 LIVE Christmas Day Service from Bath Abbey Led by the Rev Edward Mason.
11.00 The Santa Clause 3: the Escape Clause ★★★
A jealous Jack Frost causes chaos at the North Pole.
12.25pm Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted ★★★
Animated comedy adventure.
1.50 New, Weather
2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas
With Little Mix, Ellie Goulding, Coldplay and the Christmas Number One.
3.00-3.10 The Queen
Her Majesty's address to the nation and Commonwealth.
3.10pm Brave ★★★★
Animated fairy tale. Merida, a tomboy Scottish princess, flees the court when her parents insists she marries. But asking a witch for help brings chaos.
4.45 Stick Man
Julia Donaldson's picture-book character Stick Man is caught up in an animated adventure as he tries to get back to his family for Christmas.
5.15 Doctor Who
The Husbands of River Song. When a crashed spaceship calls upon his help, the Time Lord finds himself launched on a chase across the galaxy. Greg Davies and Matt Lucas guest-star.
6.15 Strictly Come Dancing
Claudia Winkleman and Tess Daly present as previous contestants Abbey Clancy, Harry Judd, Alison Hammond, Cassidy Little, Lisa Snowdon and Tom Chambers compete. With a special appearance from Bruce Forsyth.
7.30 Call the Midwife
1960: a trip to see the Regent Street lights makes it a Christmas to remember for Poplar.
8.45 EastEnders
Ian's hopes of a perfect Christmas fall apart when the Beales and Mitchells end up arguing.
9.45 Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Christmas Punch. In the first of two festive episodes, Agnes resolves to enjoy a peaceful Christmas at home this year.
10.25 Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show
With Dara O Briain, Dame Edna Everage, Paul Zerdin, Ellie Goulding and Tom Jones.
11.25 BBC News, Weather.
11.40 Love Came Down at Christmas
David Ogden's new choral setting of the Christina Rossetti poem. Followed by National Lottery Update.
11.45 Comedy Bloopers
A selection of fluffed lines, corpsing and giggles.
12.15am Not Going Out
1.00 Surviving Christmas ★
Comedy starring Ben Affleck. A man pays a family to let him spend Christmas with them.
2.25 Weather
2.30-6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.00am The Road to El Dorado ★★★
Animated adventure. Two Spanish tricksters search for the city of gold.
7.20 Galapagos: Islands of Change-Natural World
The impact of tourism on the archipelago.
8.20 Herbie Rides Again ★★★
Comedy sequel to The Love Bug with Helen Hayes and Stefanie Powers. Herbie the magical car helps an old lady threatened with eviction.
9.45 The Cat in the Hat ★★
Fantasy comedy adventure. A giant talking cat wreaks havoc.
11.00 Carols from King's
The choir's celebration of Christmas.
12.15pm Climbed Every Mountain: the Story behind The Sound of Music
Sue Perkins discovers the true story behind the real Von Trapp family.
1.15 The Good Life When I'm 65.
Tom ponders the future. George Cole guest-stars. First shown in 1978.
1.45 - 3.05 Frankenweenie ★★★★
Animated fantasy.
A boy resurrects his pet dog.
3.05pm Tim Rice: a Life In Song
Michael Grade hosts a concert celebrating one of the country's most successful musical lyricists.
4.35 Romeo & Juliet
Traditional retelling of Shakespeare's tragedy. Two teenagers struggle to deal with the angst of frustrated love when they are caught on opposite sides of a feud between their families.
6.20 The Queen
Her Majesty's annual address.
6.30 World's Sneakiest Animals
New series. 1/3. The devious tactics some creatures deploy to survive, such as baby birds who disguise themselves as caterpillars. Chris Packham presents.
7.30 Dad's Army
Turkey Dinner Can Captain Mainwaring really be a softie at heart? The struggling senior citizens of Walmington-on-Sea are about to find out.
8.00 The Two Ronnies
A classic festive show of sketches and music.
8.50 Darcey's Ballet Heroes
From dressing rooms and rehearsal studios in London, Copenhagen, New York and beyond, Darcey Bussell embarks on a personal homage to her male dance heroes.
9.50 QI
Stephen Fry conjures up some seasonal merriment in the company of Jenny Eclain Johnny Vegas, Bill Bailey and Alan Davies.
10.20 We're Doomed! Army Dad's Anny Story
Comedy drama about the beginnings of Jimmy Perry and David Croft's writing partnership and their struggle to get the show on TV in 1968.
11.20 Gambit ★★
Comedy caper starring Colin Firth, Cameron Diaz and Alan Rickman. Art curator Harry Deane cooks up a scheme to con his abusive boss into buying a fake Monet.
12.40 - 2.20am The Trouble with Harry ★★★★★
Alfred Hitchcock's black comedy starring Edmund Gwenn and John Forsythe. Harry is dead and his corpse creates havoc among a group of people, all of whom think they were responsible for his demise.

ITV1

6.00am CITV
8.25 Weekend at Christmas
Aled Jones chats with Laura Fraser James Morrison and Leona Lewis.
9.25 Santa Claus ★★
Comedy starring Dudley Moore and John Lithgow. An elf sells Santa's secrets.
11.30 Happy Feet ★★★★
Emperor penguins sing and dance in this musical animated adventure.
1.35pm Text Santa: One More Time
Highlights.
2.45 ITV News, weather
3.00 - 3.10 The Queen
Her Majesty's traditional address to the nation and Commonwealth.
3.10pm Cameraman to the Queen
This year in the life of royal cameraman Peter Wilkinson offers a fresh portrait of the Queen.
4.10 Countrywise Winter Wonderland
Ben Fogle climbs Helvellyn with the man whos job it is to battle the elements on the mountain every day. Paul Heiney experiences the stunning landscape of the Peak District from a glider.
5.00 Paul O'Grady: for the Love of Dogs at Christmas
Mr O tries to find homes for a young dachshund cross puppy with a bad heart and a chihuahua born with kneecaps that are back to front.
6.00 ITV Evening News, weather
6.15 You've Been Framed! With Bells On
A pensioner throws fireworks at carol singers, and a Christmas fairy goes up in flames.
6.45 Emmerdale
Belle does nothing to disguise her loathing for Joanie.
7.45 Coronation Street
Tracy has a Christmas to remember. Will David and Kylie make up?.
8.45 Downton Abbey - the Finale
New Year's Eve 1925: romance is in the air at Downton but, for some, the year's end will prove bittersweet.
10.45 Our Cilla
Celebrating the life and career of the much- loved singer and TV host, who died in August.
11.45 ITV News, weather
12.00 Dr No ★★★★★
The first James Bond adventure.
Bond is sent to Jamaica to investigate the killing of a fellow agent and uncovers a plan to hold the USA to ransom by threatening its space programme.
1.50am Murder She Wrote
A death casts a shadow over a wealthy businessman's party.
2.45 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
3.25 - 6.00am Nightscreen
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Channel4

5.30am Famous Fred Animation.
5.55 Oilve, the 0ther Reindeer
6.45 Prep & Landing
Emmy-winning animation.
7.05 Prep & Landing: Naughty v Nice
1.30 The Bear
Heart-warming animation.
8.00 A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures
Animated adventure. An old turtle reflects on his eventful life.
9.40 The Simpsons Triple bill.
11.15 Ice Age: a Mammoth Christmas
11.40 Toy Story Toons
Three animated shorts.
12.10pm Father Christmas
Acclaimed animation.
12.40 The Snowman
Atmospheric animation.
1.15 The Snowman and the Snowdog
1.45 The Muppet Christmas Carol ★★★★ Comedy fantasy. Scrooge is visited by ghosts to help him mend his selfish ways.
3.25 News
3.35 - 3.45 Alternative Christmas Message Channel 4's
3.45pm Scrooged ★★★
Comedy. Frank Cross. the youngest network president in television history, is a man who hates Christmas and plans to exploit the holidays to attract as many viewers as possible, no matter what it takes. However Frank is about to be visited by three unconventional ghosts who will go to any lengths to make him change his mean-spirited ways.
5.45 Home Alone 2: Lost In New York ★★★ Sequel to the hit comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin and Joe Pesci. After becoming separated from his family en route to a Christmas holiday in Florida, Kevin McCallister finds himself alone in New York, where he's destined to meet two old enemies.
8.00 Gogglesprogs
A selection of the nation's children share their honest and often hilarious opinions on the best and worst of the year's TV from the comfort of their own homes, reacting to everything from The Great British Bake Off to the general election and Growing up Wild.
9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man
Christmas Special Among those joining Alan on the sofa for festive chat are Catherine Tate's Nan, Keith Lemon, Lorraine Kelly, Emma Willis and Marvin Humes. Music comes from Little Mix and One Direction.
11.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Christmas Special
A host of familiar faces join Jimmy Carr Sean Lock and Jon Richardson as they survey some of the most memorable stories of the year.
12.05am Very British Problems at Christmas
Famous faces share their festive season foul-ups.
1.05 Ferris Bueller's Day Off ★★★★
Comedy starring Matthew Broderick. When Ferris Bueller plays truant from high school, an illicit trip to downtown Chicago involves girlfriend Sloane, best friend Cameron and Cameron's father's prized red Ferrari. Out to foil Ferris are sister Jeanie and Dean of Students Ed Rooney. Will Ferris's luck run out?
2.50 Friday Night Dinner
1/6 Series 3. Adam finally brings a girl home for dinner.
3.15 Gadget Man
Richard Ayoade takes on the British weather braving a hurricane with Tim Vine.
3.40 Tackling the trials of public transport.
4.10 Benchmark
Paddy McGuinness hosts.
4.55 Grand Designs Australia
5.50 - 6.15am How I Met Your Mother

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.50 André Rieu's Christmas Spectacular
Featuring Silent Night and White Christmas.
10.50 - 1.05pm Scrooge ★★
Musical adaptation of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol, starring Albert Finney.
1.05pm Seven Brides for Seven Brothers ★★★★★ Hit musical. A rancher's new wife is horrified to discover that she has to look after his six unruly brothers.
3.10 The Wizard of Oz ★★★★★
Musical fantasy. When a tornado hits Dorothy's home in Kansas, she is whisked off far away into a strange world.
5.10 Michael Bublé's Christmas 2015
The crooner's seasonal soirée comes from LA, with guests including Celine Dion.
6.05 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs
A countdown featuring many of the best-known Yuletide tunes.
8.50 Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees Up!
This shindig from 1982 sees guests including Eric Clapton, Jimmy Cricket, Jim Davidson, Albert Lee and Lennie Peters joining the cockney duo.
9.40 Britain's Favourite Abba Songs
The catchiest pop melodies and a touch of Swedish melancholy combine on a countdown of 20 of the super troupers' most popular SODQS.
11.05 Sinatra 100: an All-Star Grammy Concert
To mark the centenary of the singer's birth, Grammy winners including Tony Bennett, Garth Brooks, Usher and Alicia Keys join forces on stage.
1.25am Abba: Live In Concert
The band in concert at London's Wembley Arena in November 1979.
2.35 SuperCasino Live gaming.
4.00 Christmas with Britain's Biggest Family
The problems posed by Christmas to large families.
4.45 - 6.00am House Doctor London.
5.10 A three-bedroom home in Durham.
5.35 A house near Leamington.

Chas & Daves Xmas Knees Up!

8.50pm **Channel5**

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FESTIVE Television

Saturday, December 26th

Top Gear: From A-Z BBC2 8pm

The first half of an alphabetical look at the motoring show. Concludes Wednesday, December 30th at 5pm..

Match of the Day
10.30pm **BBC1**
Highlights of all today's Premier League games, including Chelsea v Watford

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
With Naga Munchetty.
10.00 Christmas Saturday Kitchen
With chefs Eric Chavot and Pascal Aussignac, Bake Off winner Nadiya Hussain and guest Christopher Biggins.
11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas
Transforming leftovers.
12.15pm BBC News, weather
12.25 Football Focus
With Dan Walker. Latest score updates
1.00 Comic Relief 2015: Thanks a Billion!
This year's fundraiser.
2.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out
The animated duo take a trip to the Moon.
2.25 A Grand Night In: The Story of Aardman
A celebration of the animation studio that reveals how Morph, Shaun the Sheep and Wallace and Gromit first came to life.
3.25-4.45 Puss In Boots ★★★★
Animated adventure with the voice of Antonio Banderas. The dashing feline sets off on a quest to find some magic beans.
4.45pm The Croods ★★★
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Emma Stone, Ryan Reynolds and Nicolas Cage. A prehistoric family trek through hostile territory in search of a new cave.
6.10 Shaun the Sheep: The Farmer's Llamas
In this Aardman Animations treat, Shaun is delighted when some mischievous llamas arrive on the farm, but soon their antics go too far. With the voice of Justin Fletcher
6.40 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
7.00 Dickensian
New series. 1/20. Characters from Charles Dickens's novels provide the inspiration for Tony Jordan's sprawling drama.
7.30 EastEnders
Kat tells Martin that Alfie is still in Spain - unaware he is not far behind her.
8.00 Still Open All Hours
New series. 1/6 Series 2. Granville and Gastric try to get Madge into the festive spirit at a drinks party.
8.30 Dickensian
2/20. Inspector Bucket
investigates a murder.
9.00 And Then There Were None
New series. 1/3. Star-studded adaptation of Agatha Christie's celebrated mystery. Ten strangers are invited to an island off the coast of Devon, but when they arrive, their hosts are nowhere to be seen.
10.00 BBC News, weather
10.20 The National Lottery Llve
Collabro perform.
10.30 Match of the Day
Premier League action, including Chelsea v Watford.
12.05am The Guardian
Action adventure starring Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher.
2.15 Weather
2.20 - 6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.00am Race to Super Bowl 50
Action from the week 15 fixtures.
6.50 Flog It!
Making a profit at auction.
7.35 Tom Thumb ★★★★
Fantasy musical starring Russ Tamblyn, Terry-Thomas and Peter Sellers. Two wicked men are intent on using the diminutive Tom in their evil plans.
9.05 Hotel for Dogs ★★★
Two orphaned children open a refuge for stray mutts.
10.35 Ten Pieces II
The BBC Philharmonic Orchestra perform recitals of ten classical works, with help from stars including Christopher Eccleston, James May and Pixie Lott.
11.35 G-Force ★★★
Part-animated action adventure. Specialised guinea pig operatives take on an evil mogul.
1.00pm Attenborough's Big Birds: Natural World
The fascinating range of large flightless birds.
2.00-3.00 Attenborough's Paradise Birds
The extraordinary behaviour of the exotic birds.
3.00pm Bedtime Stories ★★★
Fantasy comedy. A man's tales for some kids have a magical impact on the real world.
4.30 Final Score
A round-up of the classified results.
5.30 Don't Panic! The Dad's Army Story
Victoria Wood's 2000 tribute to the timeless comedy.
6.20 We're Doomed! The Dad's Army Story
Comedy drama.
7.20 Dad's Army
My Brother and I. In the 1975 Boxing Day special of the sitcom, Captain Mainwaring's brother visits.
8.00 Top Gear: From A to Z
1/2. The first half of an alphabetical look at the motoring show. Concludes Wednesday, December 30th at 5pm.
9.00 A Gert Lush Christmas
Comedy drama co-written by and starring Russell Howard. Dan is about to introduce the woman of his dreams to his family. but as they are so quirky, will everything go to plan?
10.00 Country Strife: Abz on the Farm Christmas Special
A tumultuous year ends for the former 5ive rapper and his singer/songwriter girlfriend Vicky Fallon.
10.30 Backchat End of Year Show
Celebrity guests help Jack Whitehall and his father Michael look back at events of the last 12 months.
11.15 Kinky Boots ★★★
Comedy drama based on a true story. Charlie restores the fortunes of a shoe factory by making reinforced heels for transvestites.
1.00am Marnie ★★★★
Alfred Hitchcock's psychological drama with Tippi Hedren and Sean Connery. A publisher forces a beautiful thief into a loveless marriage, but why did she become a kleptomaniac?
3.05-4.40am Sign Zone: The Ecstasy of Wilko Johnson ★★★★★
After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancen Dr Feelgood musician Wilko Johnson was determinedto live out his remaining months playing music. In director Julien Temple's documentary, Johnson discusses what he believed was his impending death.

ITV1

6.00am CITV
9.25 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas
Stop-motion animated adventure based on the film Elf.
10.25 You've Been Framed!
Lookalike clips, including Matthew Kelly's unusual tattoo-removal method.
10.55 Back to the Future Part III ★★★★
Comedy adventure sequel with Michael J Fox. Marty McFly must travel to the Wild West of 1885 to save Doc.
1.05pm ITV News Weather
1.20-3.40 Jurassic Park ★★★★★
Adventure starring Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum and Richard Attenborough. Mayhem breaks loose on an island populated by genetically engineered dinosaurs.
3.40pm Midsomer Murders
Dance with the Dead. Barnaby and Jones investigate a suspicious death, initially thought to be suicide, in the village of Morton Fendle.
5.40 ITV News Weather.
6.00 The Nation's Favourite Disney Song
A tribute to the enduringly tuneful tracks that have represented the very best of Disney over the decades. Songs featured include hummable hits from the likes of The Jungle Book, Frozen, Mary Poppins and The Lion King. Stephen Mulhern narrates.
7.00 Surprise Surprise
Emotions are sure to run high as Olympic gold medal-winning rower James Cracknell shares a few tips with an injured soldier who is about to cross the Atlantic and two people who spend all year helping the needy are recognised for their efforts. One Direction make the dreams of a young heart transplant survivor come true, and a brother and sister who haven't spent Christmas together for 25 years are reunited.
8.00 Peter & Wendy
In this fantasy inspired by Peter Pan, Lucy, a young girl with a heart condition, is admitted to Great Ormond Street Hospital for an operation. There she makes a connection to JM Barrie's story of the boy who wouldn't grow up and is soon whisked away to her own magical Neverland.
10.05 The Jonathan Ross Show
11/11. The host presents a special in which, in addition to charming his guests with his chat, he also invites them to take part in some light-hearted games - and springs a few surprises too.
11.10 ITV News weather.
11.25 From Russia with Love ★★★★★
In the second James Bond film, 007 is sent to Istanbul to help a Russian diplomat defect to the West with an important cipher machine. However, he is unaware that he is being drawn into a trap.
1.25am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 Murder, She Wrote
Jessica executes the will of an eccentric recluse.
3.50-6.00am Nightscreen
Text information.

Channel4

5.50am How I Met Your Mother
6.15 Ramona and Beezus ★★★
Comedy about a girl who has a chance to shine when her dad is made redundant.
8.00 The Morning Line Nick Luck presents.
9.00 The Big Bang Theory
10.25 The Simpsons Double bill.
11.25 Fantastic Mr Fox ★★★★
Animated comedy adventure featuring the voice of George Clooney. Mr Fox is tempted to resume his old poaching ways.
1.10-3.30pm LIVE Racing
The King George VI Chase is the feature race at Kempton Park at 3.10, plus there are other starts at 1.25, 2.00 and 2.35, and one race from Wetherby at 1.45. More tomorrow 1.10pm.
3.30pm Home Alone 3 ★★★
Comedy. Young Master Pruitt is at home with chicken pox, but he's not going to be alone for long. Following a baggage mix-up, a stolen computer chip is hidden in one of his toys and four spies are determined to get it back.
5.25 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather
5.35 The Secret Life of Children at Christmas
Children from the original Secret Life of Four-Year Olds, including Skyla and Cuba, reunite to put on their own version of the Nativity play along with some of the children from the current series. While Cuba struggles to work collaboratively, five-year-olds Emily and Alfie resume their friendship as they prepare to play sheep.
6.30 Britain's Favourite Children's Books wlth David Walliams
The comic and writer counts down the best children's stories while celebrities, including Rob Brydon, Miranda Hart, Meera Syal and Rufus Hound, recall their childhood literary loves. Writers, including Michael Bond, Judith Kern Lauren Childs and Dame Jacqueline Wilson, chat about their work and Sir Quentin Blake reveals how he brings Roald Dahl's tales to life. Extracts from the top 50, including Treasure Island, Just William and The Hobbit, are read by Julie Walters and Martin Freeman.
8.00 Inside Lego at Christmas
A seasonal look behind the scenes at the superbrand. With more than half of all sales coming in the last three months of the year, the staff at the Lego factory are gearing up for a hectic time as new lines are created to take advantage of the lucrative Christmas market. We also hear the story of the Addis family, who have built a huge sculpture with the famous bricks in their Cambridgeshire living room every December for the last 20 years.
9.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year
Rob Brydon, Sue Perkins, David Mitchell, Claudia Winkleman, Greg Davies and Jo Brand are challenged by Jimmy Carr to show exactly how much notice they've been taking over the last 12 months. Helping the host with the task are Simon Pegg, Heston Blumenthal, Olly Murs, Rita Ora, Charles Dance and Jon Snow.
Director Mick Thomas; Series producer Ben Knappett.
11.05 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker
Alex Zane presents a compilation of 50 festive internet clips.
12.10am Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special
Catherine Tate's Nan, Keith Lemon, Lorraine Kelly, Emma Willis and Marvin Humes guest.
2.05 Rude Tube
Clips on love and marriage.
3.00 Hollyoaks Omnibus.
5.10-6.05am Location, Location, Location

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.10 The Saturday Show
TV and film releases.
11.10 The Dog Rescuers
A dog is helped to cope with Christmas.
12.10-3.15pm The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe ★★
Kelli Garner stars in a biopic about the star's private world.
3.15pm Diana ★★
Fact-based drama. With her marriage to Prince Charles now over, Diana, Princess of Wales immerses herself in a campaign to rid Africa of land mines and believes she has found happiness with heart surgeon Hasnat Khan.
5.05 One Chance ★★★
Comedy based on a true story. Bullied at school and humiliated by his dad, Paul Potts finds solace in music, leading to an appearance on Britain's Got Talent.
7.05 Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud
A look at some of the seasonal clips that have made a mark online. Presented by Iain Lee.
8.05 Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees Up!
A shindig from 1982, with guests including Eric Clapton, Jimmy Cricket, Jim Davidson and Albert Lee.
9.00 Football League Tonight
Kelly Cates and George Riley introduce highlights from the Championship and Leagues One and Two. Today's menu includes Hull City v Burnley and Derby County v Fulham.
10.30 Most Shocking Christmas TV Moments
Another cringe-fest of moments gleaned from the past 50 years of seasonal broadcasting. Eamonn
Holmes, Toyah Willcox, Anne Diamond, Steve Punt and Mike Read are among those commenting on the catalogue of disasters - many of which they were involved in themselves.
12.30am Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!
13/13 Series 3. A Crystal Palace family made homeless by their landlord.
1.25 SuperCasino
Live gaming.
3.10 Kids' Hospital at Christmas: Revisited
A catch-up with the youngsters who featured in last year's festive series.
4.00 Chris Tarrant on the Polar Express
3/6 Series 2. A 2,000-mile railway trip from Moscow to Arctic Siberia.
4.50-5.45am Make It Big
The raffle money goes missing.
5.15 The first-ever episode.

The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe
12.10-3.15pm **Channel5**
Kelli Garner stars in a biopic about the star's private world.

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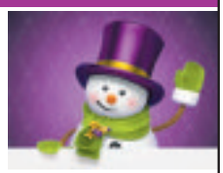
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FESTIVE Television

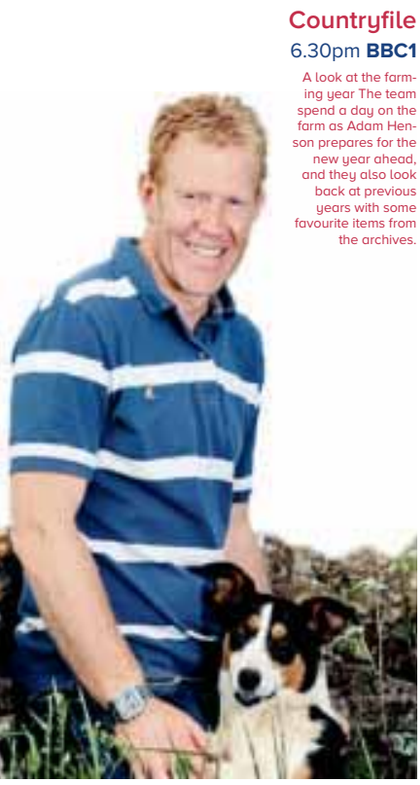
Sunday, December 27th

Still Open All Hours BBC1 8.00pm

Granville is having a cut-price sale but only on old stock, not the boiled ham or new inflatable underwear support system on special promotion

Countryfile 6.30pm BBC1

A look at the farming year The team spend a day on the farm as Adam Henson prepares for the new year ahead, and they also look back at previous years with some favourite items from the archives.



BBC1

6.00an Breakfast
Roger Johnson, Naga Munchetty.
7.40 Match of the Day
9.15 Flushed Away ★★★
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Hugh Jackman and Kate Winslet.
10.35 Megamind ★★★★
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Will Ferrell and Brad Pitt.
12.00 Bargain Hunt
In Grimsthorpe, Lincolnshire.
1.00pm BBC News weather
for the Week Ahead
1.15 Songs of Praise
Stories from the past year.
1.50 - 4.05 Mary Poppins ★★★★★
Disney musical comedy starring Julie Andrews. London banker George Banks's search for a nanny to take care of his two naughty and unhappy children comes unstuck when Mary Poppins and her magic umbrella glide into their lives.
4.05pm Oz the Great and Powerful ★★★ Fantasy prequel to The Wizard of Oz. After being caught in a terrifying tornado, travelling magician Oscar Diggs finds himself in a fantastical land where his dodgy carnival con-tricks convince the inhabitants that he is a powerful wizard.
6.05 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Countryfile
A look at the farming year The team spend a day on the farm as Adam Henson prepares for the new year ahead, and they also look back at previous years with some favourite items from the archives.
Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.30 Dickensian
3/20. Bucket goes to see his old enemy, Fagin, convinced he is involved in Marley's murder. Following a lead he goes after Fagin's henchman Bill Sikes. Frances sees a way of scuppering her sister's plans. Continues 8.30pm.
8.00 Still Open All Hours
2/6 Series 2. Granville is having a cut-price sale but only on old stock, not the boiled ham or new inflatable underwear support system on special promotion.
8.30 Dickensian
4/20. At the Havisham New Year's party, Amelia is delighted to see her brother Arthur but is perturbed by an uninvited guest. Frances rekindles an old friendship hoping it may be more. Continues New Year's Day 8.30pm.
9.00 And Then There Were None
2/3. The guests on Soldier Island are dying, one by one, according to the lines of the nursery rhyme Ten Little Soldier Boys. As they make plans to thwart the killer the body count continues to rise. Continues tomorrow 9pm.
10.00 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Catherine Tate's Nan
1/2. The first of two specials featuring the foul-mouthed pensioner Nan's aggressive attitude gets her into trouble with the police.
11.00 Miranda Hart: My What I Call Live Show
A performance filmed at London's O2 Arena.
12.00 Ghost Town ★★★
Supernatural romantic comedy with Ricky Gervais. When a Manhattan dentist wakes up after briefly dying during an operation, he realises he has the ability to see dead people.
1.35am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.40-6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.20am Big Dreams Small Spaces
Monty Don helps create gardens inspired by Norway and Japan.
7.20 Countryfile: Cornish Coastal Christmas
Festive reports from Cornwall.
8.15 A Man for All Seasons ★★★★
Oscar-winning historical drama starring Paul Scofield. When Henry VIII declares himself head of the English church, he seeks the approval of only one man, his chancellor Sir Thomas More.
10.15 Saturday Kitchen
Best Bites Highlights.
11.45 The Hairy Bikers and Lorraine Pascale: Cooking the Nation's Favourite
Food The cooks offer their twists on the UK's ten best-loved meals.
12.45pm The Secret Life of Mary Poppins a Culture Show Special
The life of author PL Travers who wrote the children's classic. With Victoria Coren Mitchell.
1.45 - 3.20 The Cockleshell Heroes ★★★★ Second World War drama directed by and starring José Ferrer with Trevor Howard.
3.20pm The Heroes of Telemark ★★★
Wartime thriller starring Kirk Douglas and Richard Harris. Occupied Norway 1942: a team of resistance fighters undertakes the vital and dangerous mission to destroy a heavy-water plant to prevent the Nazis producing an atomic bomb.
5.25 Porridge
No Way Out. Fletch discovers his fellow inmates at Slade Prison are planning to escape and decides to hide in the hospital so he can't be blamed when the tunnel is discovered. The Christmas edition of the classic comedy from 1975, starring Ronnie Barker.
6.10 Deep Impact ★★★★
Sci-fi drama starring Robert Duvall, Téa Leoni and Morgan Freeman. A reporter believes that she has discovered a sex scandal in the US government. As it turns out, "Ele" isn't a mistress, but something used to describe an event so cataclysmic that it could destroy the planet.
8.00 Dragons' Den
In a one-off episode, the Dragons turn 50 shades of angry over a product that promises to banish grey hairs, and they get more than they bargained for when a zombie boot camp business turns the Den into a little shop of horrors.
9.00 Gorilla Family and Me
2/2. Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan has now been reunited with his gorilla family in the Democratic Republic of Congo but finds they face a new threat - there are poachers in the forest.
10.00 U2: Innocence and Experience Live in Paris
A restaging of the concert that had been due to take place on 14 November but was cancelled following the Paris terrorist attacks. Staged in the round, there are multiple performance areas in a concert showcasing U2's latest album Songs of Innocence, featuring Iris, Cedarwood Road and Song for Someone - as well as a selection of their hits.
12.15am Telstar: the Joe Meek Story ★★★ Biographical drama starring Con O'Neill and Kevin Spacey. In the 19605, music producer Joe Meek invented new methods of recording that resulted in a string of hit records. But behind the genius there was a troubled soul who could be prone to violent outbursts, which would ultimately lead to tragedy.
2.10 - 5.05am Sign Zone
2.10 Countryfile
3.05 Holby City
4.05 Cue the Queen:

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6.00am CITV
8.25 Weekend at Christmas
Aled Jones's guests include Rafe Spall and the Corrs.
9.25 Countrywise Rural reports.
9.55 Celebrity Squares
Guests include Frank Skinner Nina Wadia, Katherine Kelly and Aisling Bea.
10.40 Superman ★★★★★
Christopher Reeve stars as the Man of Steel in the epic fantasy adventure. A baby from planet Krypton is sent to Earth by his father and found in the American Midwest. He grows up to become reporter Clark Kent, a man with superhuman powers.
1.30pm ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather
1.4 - 3.35 Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium ★★
Fantasy comedy drama starring Natalie Portman and Dustin Hoffman.
3.35pm Midsomer Murders
The Axeman Cometh. A string of bizarre warnings convinces a paranoid rock singer that someon is trying to stop the reunion of his band.
5.30 Regional News Weather
5.45 ITV News Weather
6.00 You've Been Framed! With Bells On
Comedy clips including a fairy going up in flames.
6.30 Jekyll and Hyde
9/10. The Incubus. Robert seeks sanctuary at the Jezequiel House in the country and takes Olalla and Ravi with him. But he discovers that a monster has got there first.
7.30 10/10. The Heart of Lord Trash
A revived Dance launches an attack on MIO to complete his mission and resurrect Lord Trash, while Robert discovers that one of his friends has deceived him.
8.30 Harry Price: Ghost Hunter
Drama starring Rafe Spall as Britain's most famed real-life ghost hunter When MP's wife Grace Goodwin is found naked on a London street, Harry Price is summoned to investigate claims that her house is haunted. Housemaid Sarah Grey helps Harry uncover a dark history surrounding the Goodwin's Finchley home. Can he find a rational explanation for the haunting, or is there more to this case than even he can understand?
10.30 ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather
10.45 Through the Christmas Keyhole
Stephen Mulhern, Claudia Winkleman and Jimmy Carr try to identify the owners of the homes Keith Lemon has been snooping in.
11.45 Rugby Union
Premiership action including Harlequins against Gloucester and Wasps v Saracens.
12.35am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
3.40 Nightscreen Text information.
5.05 - 6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

6.05am Flicka 2 ★★
Drama starring Tammin Sursok and Patrick Warburton.
7.40 Paws ★★★
Comedy adventure starring Billy Connolly as the voice of a computer-literate Jack Russell dog. Director Karl Zwicky
9.20 Sunday Brunch
With guests Hugh Fearnley- Whittingstall, Johnny Vegas and Kym Marsh.
12.20pm The Simpsons Double bill.
1.10 - 3.35 LIVE Racing
Starts from Chepstow are at 1.25,1.55, 2.35 and 3.10, and from Kempton Park at 1.40, 2.15 and 2.50. Nick Luck and Rishi Persad present.
3.35pm Hugo ★★★
Fantasy adventure. An orphan boy who lives in a Paris railway station befriends an old man while trying to repair a mysterious automaton.
5.55 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather
6.00 Celebrity Fifteen to One
Comedian Adam Hills holds all the answers as he hosts a festive edition of the quiz show, with a prize for the charity chosen by the celebrity who wins.
7.00 Million Pound Motors
Exploring the vintage car trade, and following salesman Richard Biddulph as he tries to sell rare and expensive vehicles to wealthy customers. Richard is determined to acquire an extremely valuable collection of rare cars worth millions, while his apprentice Paul Fox is more concerned with securing his first sale. However keeping their demanding clients happy proves a challenge.
8.00 Walking the Himalayas
New series. 1/4. Explorer Levison Wood attempts to walk the entire length of the Himalayas. Starting in Afghanistan, he will push himself to his limits as he treks 1,700 miles across the roof of the world, teaming up with local guides and meeting soldiers, monks and nomadic tribes. As well as tackling seemingly impassable natural obstacles and suffering altitude sickness, Levison has to tread carefully through one of the most fought-over areas of the world.
9.00 Homeland
12/12 Series 5. A False Glimmer The clock is running out fast in this final episode.
10.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special
Guests include Johnny Vegas, Katherine Ryan and David O'Doherty. Jimmy Carr is the host.
11.00 The Inbetweeners 2
Comedy sequel. When Jay describes Australia as "the sex capital of the world", Neil, Will and Simon can't wait to pay him a visit.
12.55am The Inbetweeners
5/6 Series 1. The lads visit a Camber Sands caravan club meeting.
1.25 6/6. Will organises the Christmas prom.
1.55 5/6 Series 2. Will tries to snare a university student.
2.20 6/6. The friends prepare for their exams.
2.50 That Touch of Mink ★★★
Romantic comedy starring Cary Grant and Doris Day.
4.30 Benchmark
Paddy McGuinness hosts.
5.15 - 6.10am Location, Location, Location
Two couples who wanted a dream life in the country.

Channel5

5.45am Milkshake!
10.15 Football League Tonight
11.45 Cromwell ★★★★
Historical drama starring Richard Harris and Alec Guinness. The divide between Oliver Cromwell and King Charles I becomes a feud that takes them from Parliament into a full-scale battle.
2.25 - 4.45pm The Searchers ★★★★★
Classic western starring John Wayne. John Ford's masterpiece tells the story of Ethan Edwards and his five-year Search for the last surviving member of his family - a young girl.
4.45pm Escape to Victory ★★★
Second World War drama. As a propaganda stunt, the Nazis arrange a football match between the national German team and a squad made up of prisoners of wan However the PoW team see the game as a chance to escape.
7.00 World's Strongest Man
The finals begin in Malaysia, where events include the kettlebell throw and atlas stones. British hopes rest on the broad shoulders of the likes of Eddie Hall and Mark Felix, both veterans of the competition.
7.55 5 News
8.00 On Benefits: Cashing in for Christmas
Christmas for people living on state welfare. Single mother Marie struggles to buy presents for her eight children, but receives good news about a bigger home, while best mates Bennett and Stevo rummage through bins for the food that shops in Nuneaton throw away.
9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments
A glimpse back at another year of incidents involving celebrities. Some, like Justin Bieber and Miley Cyrus, continued courting controversy as they grew up under the public gaze.
Jeremy Clarkson, meanwhile, discovered disputes on location are not a good career move. Madonna was swept off her feet in that Armani cape, and Caitlyn Jenner announced her arrival in the transgender community with a cover for Vanity Fair.
11.55 The Last Hours of Robin Williams
Forensic pathologist Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the death of the actor and comedian, whose body was discovered at his San Francisco home in August 2014.
12.55am SuperCasino Live gaming.
3.10 A Primary School Nativity
Life at Gascoigne Primary School in Barking during the build-up to Christmas.
4.00 House Doctor
A bland property near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.
4.25-5.45am Make It Big
Things are not going to plan for Graham.
4.50 The youngsters organise an auction.
5.20 Simon and Jamie annoy Chris

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FESTIVE Television

Monday, December 28th

Eastenders BBC1 8.00pm
Dean's drunken behaviour spirals out of control. Next episode tomorrow 7.30pm.

The Gruffalo
3.55pm **BBC1**
Animation that tells the tale of a plucky mouse who invents a monster to help overcome predators.

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Louise Minchin, Bill Turnbull.
9.00 Bee Movie ★★★★
Animated comedy. Pollen jock Barry B Benson becomes lost and breaks bee law when he talks to a florist.
10.20 Old Jack's Boat Special: Storm In a Teacup
Clumsy Ernie ruins plans for a tea festival.
11.00 Bolt ★★★★
Animated comedy adventure. A canine TV star thinks he's a real hero, until an accident reveals the truth.
12.30pm Bargain Hunt
In Peterborough.
1.10 BBC News
Weather; Regional News
1.30 Father Brown
2/10 Series 1. The priest investigates a supposed drowning. Mark Williams stars.
2.20-3.55 Cool Runnlngs ★★★★
Sports comedy, based on a true story, starring John Candy. A sprinter forms Jamaica's first-ever Olympic bobsleigh team.
3.55pm The Gruffalo
Animation that tells the tale of a plucky mouse who invents a monster to help overcome predators.
4.25 Madagascar ★★★
Animated comedy adventure featuring the voices of Ben Stiller Chris Rock and David Schwimmer. A zebra called Marty tries to escape his comfortable existence at the Central Park Zoo and return to the wild.
5.45 Pointless
Quiz show presented by Alexander Armstrong.
6.30 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Celebrity Mastermind
4/10. Tom Kerridge, Steph Houghton, Rob Delaney and Dominic Wood are quizzed on Oasis, TOWIE, John Belushi and Harry Houdini.
7.30 Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death
The duo are plying a roaring trade with their bakery business. But a killer is targeting bakers.
8.00 EastEnders
Dean's drunken behaviour spirals out of control. Next episode tomorrow 7.30pm.
8.30 Miranda The Flnal Curtain.
The shopkeeper makes one final attempt to accept herself and find contentment.
9.05 And Then There Were None
3/3. The surviving guests of Soldier Island are in danger of losing their minds. With the likelihood of survival rapidly diminishing, they must turn to one another for protection.
10.05 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day
Including Manchester United v Chelsea at Old Trafford and Arsenal v Bournemouth at the Emirates Stadium.
12.00 Lewis Hamilton: Making History - F1 Review
A look back at this year's championship.
1.00am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.05 - 6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.15am Homes under the Hammer
A Kent pad.
7.15 Escape to the Continent
A Wiltshire couple who want to move to Dubrovnik, Croatia.
7.45-8.45 Sign Zone This Wlld Life
6/10. Saba Douglas-Hamilton is on the lookout for newborn lion cubs.
8.15 7/10. Saba's guests are stranded in the midst of a scorching African summer
8.45 Ivanhoe ★★★★
Medieval adventure starring Robert Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor and Joan Fontaine.
10.30 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure
Simon rustles up delicious pastries in Finland.
11.30 The Great Pottery Throw Down
4/6. The potters craft a 5ft garden sculpture out of clay.
12.30pm Les Dawson Talking Comedy
A selection of the comedian's appearances on BBC shows.
1.00 The Bear Family and Me
Cameraman Gordon Buchanan heads to the forests of Minnesota.
2.00 Coast Exploring the Irish Sea.
3.00 Atlantic: the Wildest Ocean on Earth
How the Gulf Stream serves as a migration superhighway
4.00-4.30 Flog It!
A Regency tea caddy in Stroud.
4.30pm Final Score
A round-up of the classified football results.
5.30 The Clare Balding Sports Show
2/10 Series 2. Clare is joined by two-time Olympic champion cyclist Geraint Thomas, former F1 driver Mark Webber and jump jockey AP McCoy.
6.00 What Women Want ★★★★
Romantic comedy. Chauvinist advertising executive Nick Marshall is horrified when the promotion he thought would be his goes to a woman. But everything changes after he suffers a freak accident and discovers that he can hear the thoughts of every woman around him.
8.00 Christmas University Challenge
6/10. In the penultimate first-round match, the University of Aberdeen, featuring broadcaster Nicky Campbell and Scottish Labour leader Kezia Dugdale, vies with Sheffield University's past pupils, including science presenter Adam Hart and thriller writer Nicci Gerrard.
8.30 Only Connect
The Wayfarers and Bookworms return for a fourth and concluding quarter-final match, drawing on patience and inspiration to make links between groups of four things that may at first appear to be unconnected.
9.00 Behind the Candelabra ★★★★
Biographical drama. When Liberace is introduced to young Scott Thorson in 1977, the flamboyant pianist is already one of the most famous entertainers in the world. Scott is at first seduced and then overpowered by the larger-than-life character and his opulent lifestyle. But their six-year relationship is volatile and is kept secret from Liberace's adoring fans.
10.50 Two Doors Down One-off comedy. Family, friends and neighbours descend on Beth and Eric, ruining their Hogmanay as secrets are revealed, scores settled and a gazebo is destroyed.
11.50 Dragons' Den
12.50-3.50am Sign Zone
12.50 The Apprentice: The Final
2.50 Doctor Who: The Husbands of River Song.

ITV1

6.00am CITV
9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal
From Wilmslow.
10.30 Judge Rinder
Real-life legal disputes
11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
Singer Alexander O'Neal plays dinner host to four strangers.
12.30pm Catchphrase
Game show.
1.15 Lunchtime News
Regional News; Weather.
1.30 Our Cilla
Celebrating the life of the much-loved singer and TV presenter
2.30-3.30 Surprise Surprise
With Olympic rowing gold medallist James Cracknell.
3.30pm Midsomer Murders
The Dark Rider. When Bentham DeQuetteville falls to his death from a roof after seeing a headless horseman, his family seem more concerned about their forthcoming Civil War re-enactment.
5.30 Hedgehog Hotel
With hedgehog numbers in steep decline, this documentary follows the progress of some of the prickly fellows as they're prepared for a return to the wild after being rescued.
6.25 Regional News weather
6.45 ITV Evening News Weather
7.00 Emmerdale
Zak tries to undo the damage he's caused.
7.30 Coronation Street
Carla is concerned when Johnny drags her back to his flat to talk. Continues 8.30pm.
8.00 Countrywise
8/8 Series 7. Liz Bonnin travels to Formby to take part in the National Trust's biggest coastal wildlife survey, and Paul Heiney learns about engines at the Great Dorset Steam Fair.
8.30 Coronation Street
Carla is staggered by a revelation from Johnny.
9.00 John Bishop's Gorilla Adventure
The comedian joins the Gorilla Doctors, a group of vets dedicated to saving the 880 mountain gorillas left in the wild. The vets trek for hours each day through mud and rain in the forests of Rwanda to monitor the health of every gorilla, treating them expertly at the first sign of illness or injury.
10.00 ITV News at Ten Weather
10.15 The Holiday ★★
Romantic comedy starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law and Jack Black. Workaholic Amanda exchanges her California home for the remote Surrey cottage of journalist Iris. However, the swap soon leads to romantic entanglements for the two women.
12.45am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show
3.55 Nightscreen
Text information.
5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

6.10am Small Animal Hospital
A young mare needs surgery and a spaniel is diagnosed with meningitis.
6.50 See Spot Run ★★★
Comedy with David Arquette. FBI superdog Agent 11 deprives a Mob smuggler of part of his body.
8.35 The Big Bang Theory
Triple bill.
10.05 Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer ★
Comedy. A schoolgirl spends summer with her aunt.
11.50 The Simpsons Triple bill.
1.15pm Marmaduke ★★★
Canine comedy. Great Dane Marmaduke moves to a new home in California.
2.55-4.25 Stuart Little 2 ★★★
Fantasy adventure. The mouse loses his heart to a bird called Margalo.
4.25pm Mirror Mirror ★★
Fantasy adventure retelling the Snow White story. A feisty princess returns to claim her birthright when her wicked stepmother banishes her from the kingdom.
6.30 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather
6.35 Hollyoaks
The pressure is at fever pitch for Lisa.
7.05 A Frozen Christmas
The world of decorative ice is big business and is expected to see a 50 per cent increase over the festive period. This documentary showcases the talents of pioneering performance ice sculptors, who demonstrate their craft in flamboyant shows and challenge world records, before discovering just how exclusive and expensive frozen water can be.
8.00 The World's Most Expensive Food
New Yorker Jerry Toth is attempting to break into Britain's lucrative luxury food market with his To'ak chocolate, which costs £195. Each bar comes with a wooden box, a 100-page booklet and a pair of tasting tweezers. He pitches to a chocolate retailer, wealthy discerning customers and finally to Harrods. Will he find any takers?
9.00 Gogglebox 2015
Armchair critics, including lovable Leon and June, "posh couple" Steph and Dom, hairdressers Christopher and Stephen, and Brixton women Sandy and Sandra provide the audience with a recap of the past 12 months on the small screen, from Saturday-night entertainment to the week's big soap storylines. and gritty dramas to hard-hitting documentaries.
10.35 Tattoo Fixers
A look at how more ill-advised body art is transformed, with tattooists Jay and Sketch, who are now joined by Alice in the pop-up parlour. Jordan wants to camouflage the tattoo he had done to win an argument and calls on Jay to create a tribute to his grandfather, while Alice covers a likeness of a cringeworthy celebrity crush.
11.40 David Blaine: Real or Magic
The magician pays a visit to Stephen Hawking's office - but will his seemingly impossible antics hoodwink the renowned theoretical physicist?
12.50am The Omen ★★★★
Horror starring Gregory Peck. An infant turns out to be the Antichrist.
2.45 The China Syndrome ★★★★
Political drama starring Jane Fonda. A TV reporter lifts the lid on a government cover-up.
4.45 Benchmark
Paddy McGuinness hosts.
5.35-6.05am Gadget Man

Channel5

5.45am Milkshake!
9.50 World's Strongest Man
Shown yesterday 7pm
10.50 An American In Paris ★★★★
Musical starring Gene Kelly. A painter falls in love with a poor orphan.
1.00-3.55pm Anchors Aweigh ★★★
Musical starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra. Joe and Clarence, two sailors on shore leave, stumble across a small boy and his beautiful aunt.
3.55pm HIgh Society ★★★★
Musical comedy. Time is short if playboy composer CK Dexter-Haven is to reclaim his beautiful ex-wife Tracy Lord before she marries another.
6.00 Loch Lomond: A Year in the Wild
1/4. In spring, the mountain hares try to avoid the hungry golden eagles.
6.55 World's Strongest Man
In heat two of the grand final, Hafthor "Thor" Biornsson (aka Game of Thrones' mighty Mountain) takes part alongside British hope Graham Hicks and America's Josh Thigpen.
7.50 5 News
8.00 Buildlng the Ice Hotel
The annual task of turning 30,000 tons of snow and 10,000 tons of ice into northern Sweden's ICEHOTEL.
Followed by 5 News Update
9.00 The Frank Sinatra Story
Continuing the channel's celebration of the late singen this profile, filmed from a British perspective, charts Sinatra's career from boy singer in Hoboken, New Jersey, to superstar.
10.00 Frank Sinatra Live in New York
A 1974 show at Madison Square Garden in which the singer performs classics including All the Way, The Lady is a Tramp, I've Got You Under My Skin, My Kind of Town and My Way.
11.00 Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly: Ol' Blue Eyes Is Back
In a 1973 TV special, the duo perform including You Will Be My Music and We Can't Do That Anymore.
11.35 Happy Holidays with Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby
A festive episode of The Frank Sinatra Show from 1957.
12.05am Football League Tonight
1.35 SuperCasino
Live gaming.
3.10 The Dog Rescuers
Alan Davies hosts a party for some of the show's stars.
4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge
4.25 Divine Designs
Postwar ecclesiastical architecture.
4.50-6.00am House Doctor
Revamping a property in Newcastle-under-Lyme.
5.10 A home in Henley-on-Thames.
5.35 A cottage in Durham.

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Tuesday December 29th

David Beckham: For the Love of the Game
BBC1 9.00pm

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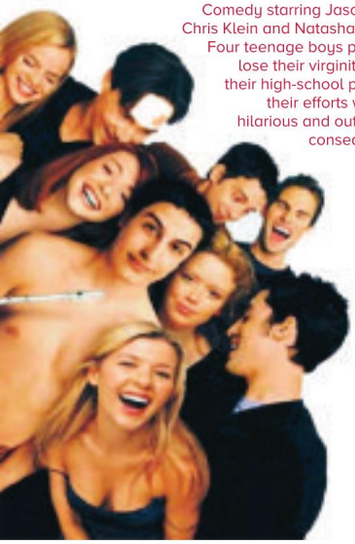
American Pie
10.25pm **ITV1**

Comedy starring Jason Biggs, Chris Klein and Natasha Lyonne. Four teenage boys pledge to lose their virginity before their high-school prom, but their efforts will have hilarious and outrageous consequences.



BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Sally Nugent, Bill Turnbull.
7.30 Match of the Day
9.00 Shark Tale ★★★
Animated comedy adventure, with the voices of Will Smith and Robert De Niro.
10.20 Cars 2 ★★★
Animated comedy with the voices of Owen Wilson and Michael Caine. Lightning McQueen gets mixed up in espionage.
12.00 Bargain Hunt From Edinburgh.
12.45pm BBC News
Weather; Regional News.
1.10 Father Brown
1/10 Series l. A man is murdered at the unveiling ofa new church clock. Fifties-set crime drama with Mark Williams.
2.00 - 4.00 National Treasure ★★
Action adventure starring Nicolas Cage and Jon Voight.
4.00pm The Gruffalo's Child
One wild and windy night, the Gruffalo's daughter goes out and searches for the big, bad mouse.
4.25 Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa ★★
Animated comedy sequel. The escaped animals try to fly back from Madagascar but are forced down in the wilds of Africa.
5.45 Pointless Quiz show.
6.30 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Celebrity Mastermind
5/10. Vincent Franklin, Chris Warburton, Graham Fellowes and Christian Malcolm take to the chain.
7.30 EastEnders
Shirley makes a shocking discovery about Dean. Next episode New Year's Day 6.3Opm.
8.00 Holby City
Beginnings. Serena resigns herself to another lonely New Year's Eve. Ric is back but finds it hard to adapt to the changes that have taken place.
Mo receives a surprising proposal.
9.00 David Beckham: For the Love of the Game
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10.15 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
Followed by National Lottery Update.
10.40 Peter Kay's Car Share
4/6. Kayleigh has exciting news.
Writers Peter Kay, Sian Gibson, Tim Reid and Paul Coleman.
11.10 Mrs Brown's Boys
The Virgin Mammy. Agnes has finished the script for her unorthodox Nativity play.
11.40 Boomers
The friends endure an uncomfortable train journey.
12.10am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.15 - 6.00am BBC News

BBC2

v6.15am Homes under the Hammer
London, Devon.
7.15 Escape to the Continent Cyprus.
7.45 - 8.45 Sign Zone
7.45 This Wild Life 8/10. The drought begins to make everyday life difficult.
8.15 An Island Parish: Falklands
5/6. Plans are made to commemorate Liberation Day.
8.45 Show Boat ★★★★★
Classic musical with Kathryn Grayson, Ava Gardner and Howard Keel. On board a Mississippi show boat, the captain's daughter falls for a habitual gambler who struggles to reform his ways.
10.30 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure
The bikers sample cuisine in Sweden.
11.30 The Great Pottery Throw Down
5/6. The potters make a decorative chandelier in bone china.
12.30pm Peter Sellers Talking Comedy
Clips of the actor in interviews discussing his life and career.
1.00 The Bear Family and Me
Gordon Buchanan discovers that Hope has been abandoned.
2.00 Coast Britain's first lifeboat station.
3.00 - 4.00 Atlantic: the Wildest Ocean on Earth
Dolphin pods and penguin colonies.
4.00pm Flog It!
Paul Martin visits a Victorian kitchen.
4.55 Super-Powered Owls: Natural World
This film reveals the "super powers" that make the owl the supreme nocturnal bird of prey.
5.55 Finding Neverland ★★★★
Fictional account of the evolution and creation of children's classic Peter Pan. Barrie's lacklustre career is reinvigorated when he befriends the four fatherless Llewelyn Davies boys.
7.30 Christmas University Challenge
710. Durham University, featuring Tim Willcox and Sir Tim Smit, takes on the London School of Economics, which has Martin Lewis and Justin Webb on its team. Next edition tomorrow 7.3Opm
8.00 Gareth Malone's Great Choir Reunion
1/2. Ten years on from the first of his TV attempts to build a choir from scratch, Gareth wants to catch up with members from all of the ensembles he has since helped to create for a huge reunion party. He also hopes to put together a supergroup of the most talented singers in just four weeks. Tonight he finds ex-pupils from the first two choirs he created, and discovers how the experience changed their lives.
9.00 A Life on Screen: Stephen Fry
A celebration of the urbane and multi-faceted presenter actor and writer Fry's 30-year career began at Cambridge and a raft of memorable work was to follow, including Blackadder and Wilde. He has also presented the Bafta awards and hosts quiz show Ql. Among those pouring on the plaudits are Michael Sheen, Hugh Laurie and Alan Davies.
10.00 Ql
10.30 Albert Nobbs
Period drama. Dublin in the late 19th century: Albert Nobbs is a woman living as a man who feels trapped by the subterfuge. Soon Albert is inspired to make changes to "his" life.
12.15am Race to Super Bowl 50
Week 16 fixtures.
1.05 Top Gear: from A to Z
1/2. Highlights of the motoring magazine.
2.05-5.05am Sign Zone
2.05 Harry Hill In Professor Branestawm Returns
The absent-minded professor enters an inventing competition.
3.05 Back in Time for Christmas
4.05 The Naked Choir with Gareth Malone

ITV1

6.00am CITV
7.00 Good Morning Britain
8.30 Lorraine
Guests, gossip and fashion.
9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal
From Barnsley.
10.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
Mark Foster.
11.30 Pick Me!
Energetic game show.
12.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
Regional News; weather.
12.45 Evan Almighty ★★★
Comedy fantasy sequel starring Steve Carell and Morgan Freeman. God recruits a politician to build an ark.
2.30-4.30 Midsomer Murders
A killer freed from jail wants his revenge on DS Ben Jones.
4.30pm The Queen ★★★★★
Oscar-winning historical drama, starring Helen Mirren as Queen Elizabeth II and Michael Sheen as Prime Minister Tony Blair. Following the death of Princess Diana in 1997, the royal family struggles to acknowledge the nation's unprecedented display of collective grief. As old-fashioned royal protocol begins to crumble the newly elected Labour government seeks a solution to the mounting crisis.
6.30 Regional News Weather
6.45 ITV Evening News Weather
7.00 Emmerdale
Kerry is shocked to discover that Cain has threatened Joanie and takes matters into her own hands. Lisa tries to resolve the crisis in her family. DS Hart detects a few clues concerning the robbery and closes in on Ross, while Paddy receives a touching gift from Tess - but comes close to being caught out by Rhona.
7.30 The Amazing Spider-Man ★★★
Fantasy adventure starring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone. Peter Parker's parents disappeared when he was young, and he has been raised by his uncle and aunt. But he is socially awkward and bullied at high school. When a bite from a genetically modified spider gives Peter extraordinary powers, he is not only able to assert himself at school, but also resolves that he will use them in the fight against evil.
10.10 ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather.
10.25 American Pie ★★★★
Comedy starring Jason Biggs, Chris Klein and Natasha Lyonne. Four teenage boys pledge to lose their virginity before their high-school prom, but their efforts will have hilarious and outrageous consequences.
12.05am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
The host takes his confrontational show Stateside.
3.40 Nightscreen
Text information.
5.05 - 6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show
Feuds and furious bust-ups in the studio.

Channel4

6.05am Small Animal Hospital
A brave cat.
6.45 Dr Dolittle: Million Dollar Mutts ★★
Comedy starring Kyla Pratt as Maya Dolittle.
8.15 The Big Bang Theory Triple bill.
9.40 The Simpsons Double bill.
10.40 Captain Ron ★★
Comedy starring Kurt Russell, Martin Short and Mary Kay Place.
12.40pm New In Town ★
Romantic comedy starring Renée Zellweger and Harry Connick Jr.
2.30 - 4.35 Coraline ★★★★
Animated fantasy based on Neil Gaiman's book, featuring the voices of Dakota Fanning and Teri Hatcher.
4.35pm Gulliver's Travels ★★★
Fantasy adventure based on Jonathan Swift's classic yarn. Slacker and wannabe travel writer Lemuel Gulliver is shipwrecked and washed up in the land of Lilliput.
6.10 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather
6.30 Hollyoaks
Patrick asks for one final favour from Maxine.
7.00 Inside Lego at Christmas
A seasonal look behind the scenes at the superbrand. The staff at the Lego factory are gearing up for a hectic time as new lines are created for Christmas. Plus, the construction of a spectacular Lego train.
8.00 The Supervet at Christmas
5/5 Series 4. Noel Fitzpatrick is busier than ever over the holiday season. Adam, a sleigh-pulling alaskan malamute needs two knee replacement implants, while springer spaniel Harvey is rushed in with a shattered jaw. Noel is also captivated by a six-week-old miniature dachshund puppy with a deformed foot.
9.00 Eight out of Ten Cats End of Year Special
There are silly games and surprises galore as the guests look back at the funniest stories and biggest personalities of 2015. As even Jimmy Carr is on hosting duty, while Jon Richardson and Sean Lock are the rival team captains.
10.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year
Rob Brydon, Sue Perkins, David Mitchell, Claudia Winkleman, Greg Davies and Jo Brand are challenged by Jimmy Carr to show exactly how much notice they've been taking over the last 12 months, and come up with some pithy quips too.
12.05am Kingdom of Heaven ★★★★
Historical drama starring Orlando Bloom and Eva Green. Near the turn of the 12th century, a French noble travels to the Holy Land. English, Arabic +subtitles.
2.30 Peep Show 5/6 Series 7. Mark's detailed plans for Christmas Day are ruined when Jeremy gets overexcited.
2.55 1/6 Series 9. Jeremy and Mark put their differences aside to celebrate with Super Hans.
3.25 2/6. Jeremy has a life-coaching client who could be more than just a source of income.
3.50 Gadget Man Shopping gizmos.
4.15 Benchmark
Paddy McGuinness hosts.
5.05 - 6.00am Location, Location, Location
Two couples who want to live by the sea.

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.05 World's Strongest Man
10.05 Football League Tonight
11.35 Ice Road Truckers
12.30pm Carry On Nurse ★★★
Comedy starring Kenneth Connon Charles Hawtrey and Hattie Jacques.
2.15 - 4.40 The Dam Busters ★★★★★
lassic wartime drama starring Richard Todd and Michael Redgrave.
4.40pm What the Dambusters Did
Next What became of the 77 airmen whoreturned home from the raids? John Nicol, an RAF navigator delves into the National Archives to find out.
6.10 Loch Lomond: a Year in the Wild
2/4. Summer arrives at Trossachs National Park, bringing 17 hours of daylight. Young Eurasian beavers are emerging from their lodge for the first time, but can they avoid the attention of the park's otters?
7.00 World's Strongest Man
Reigning champion, and favourite to retain the title, Zydrunas Savickas features here. Aiming to beat the mighty Lithuanian are Britain's Laurence Shahlaei, Iceland's Benedikt Magnusson and the rising Russian strength athlete Mikhail Shivlyakov.
7.55 5 News
8.00 Help! I'm Snowtrapped
Seven dramatic stories of people who became trapped in snow. Including footage from the helmet camera of a skier who was buried alive under two metres of snow in Verbien Switzerland.
Followed by 5 News Update
9.00 Flowers In the Attic
Gothic thriller Corrine was disowned when she married her husband but, after his premature death, her mother agrees to take her family in, as long as the kids are kept locked in the attic.
10.45 Erin Brockovich ★★★★
Oscar-winning biographical drama. A single mother working for a law firm takes on a power company that has been dumping toxic waste into a small town.
1.15am SuperCasino
Live gaming.
3.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!
13/13 Series 3. A young family who have been made homeless by their landlord.
4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge
Michaela plays mother to an elephant.
4.25 Divine Designs Churches.
4.45 - 6.00am House Doctor
Transforming a cluttered London flat.
5.10 A lacklustre house in Northants.
5.35 A Victorian house in Norwich.

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FESTIVE Television

Wednesday, December 30th

Great Barrier Reef David Attenborough BBC1 9.00pm

Unlocking the reef's secrets and takes a trip below the waves to encounter the tiny coral animals that built the reef.

Monsters Inc
4.20pm **BBC1**

Monsters Sulley and Mike gather the screams of Earth children to provide power for theirotherworldly realm. However when one little girl accidentally follows the creatures home, their lives are changed for ever.

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Sally Nugent, Bill Turnbull.
9.00 The Princess and the Frog ★★★
Animated fantasy. In New Orleans, a waitress and a playboy prince try to break a witch doctor's spell.
10.30 Chicken Run ★★★★
Animated adventure. American rooster Rocky helps a clutch of hens plot a prisoner-of-war-style escape.
11.50 Bargain Hunt
From Alexandra Palace.
12.50pm BBC News
Weather; Regional News.
1.10 Father Brown
3/10. Series 1. The priest investigates when a man is found hanged.
2.00-3.55 National Treasure: Book of Secrets ★★★
Action adventure sequel starring Nicolas Cage. Treasure hunter Ben Gates sets out to clear the family name.
3.55pm Room on the Broom
Animated tale based on the children's book by Julia Donaldson. Producers Michael Rose and Martin Pope.
4.20 Monsters, Inc ★★★★★
Animated comedy featuring the voices of John Goodman and Billy Crystal. Monsters Sulley and Mike gather the screams of Earth children to provide power for their otherworldly realm. However when one little girl accidentally follows the creatures home, their lives are changed for ever.
5.45 Pointless
Quiz presented by Alexander Armstrong.
6.30 BBC News
Regional News; Weather .
7.00 Celebrity Mastermind
6/10. Actor Liam Fox, Paralympian cyclist Jon-Allan Butterworth, comedian Nick Helm and actress Kimberley Nixon take part.
7.30 A Question of Sport
A look back at some of the best moments from Christmas editions of the light-hearted quiz.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow
At Lyme Park in Cheshire, Fiona Bruce and Will Farmer explore the changing taste in toys over the last 100 years. Plus a look at a curiosity that celebrates the work of Dickens. Producers Michele Burgess and Simon Pass.
9.00 Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough
New series. 1/3 David Attenborough returns to the underwater paradise he first visited in 1957. With the help of the latest technology on board the research ship *Alucia*, he unlocks the reef's secrets and takes a trip below the waves to encounter the tiny coral animals that built the reef. Scientists are now learning that the reef is younger than was once believed, yet David meets people living alongside it who know stories of its origins that have been told for countless generations.
10.00 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
Followed by National Lottery Update
10.25 Catherine Tate's Nan
2/2. The freehold's up for sale on Nan's block of flats in London's East End. Nan's not bothered - She's got a trump card up her sleeve.
10.55 Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Christmas Punch. Agnes is intent on a peaceful Christmas at home this year.
11.25 Comic Relief 2015: Thanks a Billion!
A look back at this year's fundraiser.
12.25am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.30-6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.20am Homes under the Hammer
7.20-8.20 Sign Zone 7.20 This Wild Life 9/10. Monkeys invade the safari camp. 7.50 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip Punting along the River Cherwell.
8.20 Waterloo ★★★★
Historical epic starring Rod Steiger. Napoleon's exile on Elba doesn't last long.
10.30 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure
Si and Dave find out if they have Viking ancestry.
11.30 The Great Pottery Throw Down
6/6. The four remaining potters compete in the final.
12.30pm The Two Ronnies
Talking Comedy Some of the comedy duo's finest performances.
1.00 The Bear Family and Me
The bears face danger when the hunting season begins.
2.00 Coast Nick Crane is on Jersey.
3.00-4.00 Atlantic: the Wildest Ocean on Earth
Extreme heat unleashes deadly hurricanes.
4.00pm Flog It!
A Steiff monkey, a Russian silver goblet and a biscuit tin come to light in Dulwich, south London.
4.50 Natural World: Attenborough's Fabulous Frogs
Frogs were the first animals David Attenborough kept as a boy and he's still passionate about them. Here, he sheds new light on these charismatic and colourful creatures.
5.50 Alice in Wonderland ★★
Fantasy adventure based on the books by Lewis Carroll. At a garden party to celebrate her engagement, the now teenage Alice spots a white rabbit from her childhood dreams and follows the creature down a hole that leads to a strangely familiar world.
7.30 Christmas University Challenge
8/10. Two teams of graduates compete on behalf of their former universities in the first semi-final of the academic quiz's festive series. Jeremy Paxman hosts.
8.00 Top Gear: from A to Z
9.00 Charlie Brooker's 2015 Wipe
Comedian Doug Stanhope and the ever-insightful Philomena Cunkjoin Charlie as he returns to pick over the bones of 2015's news and cultural events. We've witnessed a Tory majority and the rise of Corbyn-mania, the demise of Cecil the Lion and the end of the Page Three - but there'll be plenty of other enticing items on the agenda tonight, as Charlie and his guests dissect the more bizarre news stories of the last 12 months.
10.00 A Gert Lush Christmas
Comedy drama co-written by and starring Russell Howard. Dan is about to introduce the woman of his dreams to his family, but seeing as they're so quirky, will everything go to plan?
11.00 Mock the Week
Festive compilation of the show featuring seasonal shenanigans. Dara O Briain hosts, with guests joining regular panelists Andy Parsons and Hugh Dennis.
11.30 Backchat End of Year Show
Comedy chat show featuring celebrity guests and sketches, hosted by comedian Jack Whitehall and his father Michael, a former theatrical agent.
12.15am The Shipping News ★★★
Drama starring Kevin Spacey and Julianne Moore. After the sudden death of his wife, unassuming Quoyle moves to his ancestral home in Newfoundland with his daughter and finds a job writing a column for the local paper.
2.00-3.55am Sign Zone: Behind the Candelabra ★★★★

ITV1

6.00am CITV
7.00 Good Morning Britain
8.30 Lorraine
9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal
From Birmingham.
10.30 Judge Rinder
Real-life legal cases.
11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
With Ollie Locke.
12.30pm Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory ★★★
Fantasy starring Gene Wilder Charlie Bucket lives his dream as he visits the giant factory of sweet tycoon Willy Wonka.
2.20 ITV News
Regional News; Weather.
2.35-4.30 Midsomer Murders
DCI John Barnaby hunts a killer who copies horror film plots.
4.30pm Dinosaur Britain
1/2. A time-travelling animation brings to life ancient creatures that roamed our landscapes - but in a contemporary setting. Presented by Ellie Harrison. Part two tomorrow at 2.30pm.
5.30 Paul O'Grady: for the Love of Dogs at Christmas
Mr O spreads canine cheer as he tries to find homes for a young dachshund cross puppy with a bad heart and a chihuahua born with kneecaps that are back to front. He meets two enormous akitas that need to go on a diet and a lurcher suffering from a terrible case of mange.
6.30 Regional News; Weather.
6.45 ITV Evening News; Weather.
7.00 Emmerdale
Lawrence decides to plan a New Year's party.
7.30 Coronation Street
Kevin catches Tyrone using the garage's petty cash.
8.00 Big Star's Little Star
Embarrassing moments are guaranteed as celebrities' lives are viewed through the eyes of their offspring. With actress Fiona Carroll and her son Felix, former footballer Robbie Fowler with son Jacob, and former cricketer Michael Vaughan, joined by son Archie.
9.00 All New It'll Be Alright on the Night
Griff Rhys Jones serves up a seasonal banquet of never-seen-before fluffs and foul-ups. Helen Mirren, Carol Kirkwood, Vernon Kay, Richard E Grant and many others struggle to keep a straight face and maintain some semblance of dignity when everything goes pear-shaped.
10.00 ITV News at Ten
Weather; Regional Weather.
10.15 American Pie 2 ★★★
Comedy sequel starring Jason Biggs. The randy students return for another summer of sexual misadventures following their first year at college.
12.10am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
The host takes his confrontational show Stateside.
3.40 Nightscreen
Text information.
5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

6.00am Everybody Loves Raymond
6.25 Small Animal Hospital
A collie with eye issues.
7.10 The Love Bug ★★★★
Disney comedy. A struggling racing driver's fortunes take a turn for the better when he encounters VW Herbie.
9.15 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.
10.10 The Simpsons Homer opens a salon.
10.40 The Phantom ★★★
Action adventure starring Billy Zane. Ace crime fighter Kit Walken known as the Phantom, takes on a gang of pirates.
12.40pm Chalet Girl ★★★
Romantic comedy. Skateboard champion Kim discovers snowboarding.
2.35-4.35 Freaky Friday ★★★
Remake of the Disney comedy. A bickering mother and daughter swap bodies.
4.35pm Sunshine on Leith ★★★★
Scottish musical with the songs of the Proclaimers. A couple of squaddies return to Edinburgh after a tour of duty in Afghanistan, poised to marry their sweethearts - at which point family skeletons come tumbling rhythmically out of the closet.
6.20 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather
6.30 Hollyoaks
Alfie sets in motion a plan to uncover the truth.
7.00 Gogglesprogs
Children share their opinions on the best and worst of 2015's TV from the comfort of their sofas.
8.00 What Britain Bought in 2015
What does our £6 billion-a-week shopping habit say about us as a nation? Mary Portas meets the high street buyers, trend forecasters and retail gurus who attempted to predict our spending habits over the last 12 months. From spiralisers to prosecco. coconut oil to adult colouring books, all our "must-haves" are here - plus a few dubious items too.
9.00 24 Hours in A&E
Ep 11 Series 10. Eighty-four-year-old Paula is referred to St Georges for urgent treatment after a routine blood test detected that she has a dangerously high level of potassium in her blood. Meanwhile, 74-year-old Derek is brought into A&E after suffering a suspected stroke, and fireman Glenn, 31, arrives with a suspected abscess in his throat.
10.00 The Millionaire Party Planner
Liz Taylor organises up to 100 high-end parties every year from her headquarters in Manchesten including the Coronation Street Christmas party and a variety of charity balls that raise hundreds of thousands of pounds. The stakes are high and no expense is spared as Liz plans a lavish bar mitzvah, stages an exclusive 40th birthday party, and pulls out all the stops for the Marina Dalglish charity ball.
11.05 Fast Five ★★★★
Action thriller Fugitive Dominic Toretto assembles his old team to steal $100 million from a corrupt businessman so that they can disappear But with FBI agent Luke Hobbs on their trail, their plan gets a lot more complicated.
1.30am Rude Tube
Alex Zane counts down a top 50 of the funniest online videos.
2.25 Friday Night Dinner
7/7. Series 2. Dad's mum - aka Horrible Grandma -turns up on Christmas Day.
2.55 2/6. Series 3. Dad has been secretly keeping a dead fox in the freezer until he can get it stuffed.
3.20 3/6. Grandma gets engaged.
3.50 Gadget Man
4.15 Benchmark Hosted by Paddy McGuinness.
5.10-5.55am Deal or No Deal

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.25 World's Strongest Man
10.25 Carry on Constable ★★★
Comedy. Sgt Wilkins becomes exasperated after four inept policemen join his staff.
12.10pm Carry on Spying ★★★
Spy spoof starring Kenneth Williams and Barbara Windson Four incompetent British secret agents set out to recover a secret formula.
1.55 - 4.05 Annie Get Your Gun ★★★★★
Classic musical western. When Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show rolls into town, Annie Oakley gets the opportunity to impress with her sharp shooting skills.
4.05pm Calamity Jane ★★★★★
Musical comedy western. Spirited cowgirl Calamity Jane brings a glamorous singing star to the Deadwood saloon. But her new friend turns into a love rival.
6.10 Loch Lomond: a Year in the Wild
3/4. As autumn arrives, osprey chicks Murrin and Lonaig begin their first migration to Africa.
7.00 World's Strongest Man
It's anyone's guess who will qualify from this, arguably the most wide-open heat. Britain's Mark Felix from Blackburn is the oldest competitor at 49, and he'll be up against immense Russian Alexander Lysenko, South Africa's Gerhard Van Staden and Poland's Krzystof Radzikowski.
7.55 5 NEWS
8.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild
4/4 Series 3. The presenter visits Gaynor Leepen who gave up her old life as a communications manager to train huskies inside the Arctic Circle. More tomorrow at 8pm.
Followed by 5 News Update
9.00 Big Driver ★★
Crime thriller based on a novella by Stephen King. After her car breaks down in the middle of nowhere, writer Tess Thorne is subjected to a terrifying assault.
10.50 Needful Things ★★
Stephen King horror Evil has come to Castle Rock, in the shape of a devilish stranger whose store "Needful Things" promises to fulfill the deepest desires of the community - at a price.
1.10am SuperCasino
Live gaming.
3.10 On Benefits: Cashing in for Christmas
People living on state welfare.
4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge
4.25 Divine Designs
4.45-6.00am House Doctor
Triple bill of the home makeover show.

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Thursday, December 31st

Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie

BBC1 9.15pm

As Irish matriarch Mrs Brown endeavours to save Dublin's Moore Street Market from being swallowed up in a corporate property deal, she's also hit with a huge tax bill.

Simpsons

9.35am **Channel4**

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Sally Nugent, Charlie Stayt.
9.00 Tinkerbell and the Secret of the Wings ★★★
Animated fantasy adventure with the pixie.
10.05 CBeebies Alice in Wonderland
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin: the Secret of the Unicorn ★★★
Animated action adventure starring Jamie Bell. Tintin is targeted by sinister forces.
12.30pm Bargain Hunt
From Newark.
1.00 BBC News
Weather; Regional News.
1.20 Harry Hill in Professor Branestawm Returns
Lady Pagwell leaves a legacy for local inventors.
2.20 Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers
Wallace and Gromit fall victim to villainous penguin Feathers McGraw.
2.50-4.15 Up ★★★★★
Oscar-winning animated adventure. An elderly widower uses balloons to float his house to South America.
4.15pm Stick Man
Stick Man is caught up in an incredible animated adventure as he struggles to get back to his family tree in time for Christmas.
4.45 Take That on Tour
Life on the road with the band.
5.45 Pointless
Quiz show presented by Alexander Armstrong.
6.30 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Celebrity Mastermind
7/10. Lisa Maxwell, Gary Delaney, Simon Greenhall and Conor McNamara are in the hot seat.
7.30 Roald Dahl's Esio Trot
Dramatisation of Roald Dahl's tale in which retired bachelor Mr Hoppy hatches a plan to win the heart of his neighbour Mrs Silver, using differently sized tortoises.
9.00 BBC News Weather.
9.15 Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie ★★★
Comedy spin-off from the popular sitcom. As Irish matriarch Mrs Brown endeavours to save Dublin's Moore Street Market from being swallowed up in a corporate property deal, she's also hit with a huge tax bill.
10.45 The Graham Norton Show
Dropping in to Graham's party are Hunger Games star Jennifer Lawrence, as well as Eddie Redmayne, who talks about playing a transgender pioneer in The Danish Girl, and Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell, who discuss working together on Daddy's Home. Years and Years perform.
11.30 Bryan Adams Rocks Big Ben Live
The Canadian rocker blasts out his greatest hits to bring in the new year, only pausing to take a break for the chimes of Big Ben and the traditional fireworks display. Continues at 12.10am.
12.00 New Year's Eve Fireworks
As Big Ben strikes, cameras capture the spectacular pyrotechnical display on London's Thames Embankment.
12.10am Bryan Adams Rocks Big Ben
The festivities continue as the singer plays his first gig of 2016.
12.45 Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Gamble. Buster installs an alarm system in Agnes's house.
1.15 Miranda Hart: My What I Call Live Show
From London's O2 arena.
2.15 Would I Lie to You at Christmas?
With Bill Bailey, Ruth Jones, Jo Brand and Kelly Holmes.
2.45 Weather for the Week Ahead
2.50-6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.00am Homes under the Hammer Auctioned
properties in Kent, Stoke-on-Trent and Dorset.
7.00 Flog It!
Unwanted items are sent to auction.
7.45-8.45 Sign Zone 7.45 This wild Life10/10. The tourist season comes to an end. 8.15 Great British
Menu Chefs from Northern Ireland prepare desserts.
8.45 Father of the Bride ★★★★
Comedy starring Spencer Tracy, Joan Bennett and Elizabeth Taylor. The calm, ordered life of Stanley Banks is shattered when his beloved daughter announces her engagement.
10.15 Natural World: A Bear with a Bounty
The story of how a famous bear has ended up with a bounty on her head as the hunting season approaches.
11.15 Custer of the West ★★★
Western starring Robert Shaw and Mary Ure. General George Custer finds himself caught between warring tribes.
1.30-3.50pm Ice Station Zebra ★★★
Adventure starring Rock Hudson. A tiny weather base is plunged into the shadowy world of the Cold War
3.50pm World's Sneakiest Animals
1/3. Ground-breaking science reveals astonishing visual trickery, from illusionist zebras to vanishing geckos and shape-shifting cuttlefish.
4.50 Christmas Shopping Fever:
John Lewis and the Retail Race Cherry Healey goes behind the scenes of the high street giant in the festive period.
5.50 The Odd Life of Timothy Green ★★
Fantasy comedy drama. A childless couple are gifted with a boy who seemingly grows out of the earth in their back garden. Timothy may not be entirely human, but his presence teaches them valuable lessons about life and love.
7.30 Christmas University Challenge
9/10 Series 5. The second semi-final of the quiz for famous faces who are playing for their alma maters. The final is tomorrow 8pm.
8.00 Gareth Malone's Great Choir Reunion
2/2. Gareth continues his mission to reunite members of all the choirs he has formed over the past ten years. He tracks down singers from the Military Wives and the workplace choirs he formed in Sing While You Work, before rehearsals begin for a joyful reunion concert.
9.00 The Sapphires ★★★★
Comedy drama based on a true story. Australia, 1968: a boozy talent scout persuades a singing group of four Aboriginal girls to hire him as their
agent, but their path to stardom isn't guaranteed in an Australia where racism is rife.
10.40 Live at the Apollo
7/7 Series 11. Nina Conti takes over the host's mic and introduces seasonal merrymaking from Canada's
Tanyalee Davis and home-grown talents Hal Cruttenden and Josh Widdicombe.
11.10 Jools's Annual Hootenanny
The big shindig kicks off for the 23rd time as Jools Holland introduces another glittering array of musical talent. Among the performers are veterans such as Tom Jones, Jeff Beck, Ruby Turner and Pauline Black as well as relative newcomers including Jess Glynne, James Bay, Beth Hart and Rhiannon Giddens. The midnight moment is soundtracked by the pipes and drums of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards.
1.10am Best of Glastonbury
A round-up of highlights from this year's festival at Worthy Farm in Somerset.
3.10-5.10am Sign Zone
3.10 The Snow Chick
Following the first months in the life of an emperor penguin,
4.10 Back In Time for Christmas
2/2. The Robshaws
move on to the 1970s.

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6.00am CITV
7.00 Good Morning Britain
8.30 Lorraine
9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal
From Lymm, Cheshire.
10.30 Judge Rinder
Cases in a studio court.
11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
Former X Factor finalists Chloe-Jasmine and Stevi Ritchie play host.
12.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
Regional News; Weather.
12.40 DragonHeart ★★★
Fantasy adventure. A knight and a dragon join forces to confront an evil tyrant.
2.30 Dinosaur Britain
2/2. Exploring how dinosaurs hunted, what they ate and how they died.
3.30-4.30 The Chase
Tense quiz show.
4.30pm Downton Abbey - the Finale
New Year's Eve 1925: romance is in the air at Downton but, for some, the year's end will prove bittersweet.
6.30 Regional News Weather.
6.45 ITV Evening News weather.
7.00 Emmerdale
Andy is forced to make a confession to Robert.
8.00 Coronation Street
Fiz and Tyrone receive the news they've been waiting for.
8.30 Panda Babies
The cuteness quotient looks set to be off the scale as vet Steve Leonard travels to China, where he gains access to three remarkable panda reserves. Captive panda breeding programmes are notoriously unsuccessful, but he is privileged to witness the special moment when a cub is born.
9.35 Birds of a Feather
Series 2. Sharon and Tracey discover Dorien has been keeping a secret for more than 50 years.
10.05 Piers Morgan's Life Stories
Cilla Black. A frank interview with the popular singer and entertainer who died in August 2015.
11.05 The Nation's Favourite Bond Song
In this countdown of viewers' best-loved themes from the 007 films, the writers of some of the most memorably dramatic tunes in movie history reveal how they were created. Continues after the news.
11.55 ITV News
Weather; New Year Bongs.
12.10am The Natlon's Favourite Bond Song Conclusion of the countdown.
12.40 Goldfinger ★★★★★
James Bond investigates ruthless criminal Auric Goldfinger: a man with a desire to become the most powerful person on Earth. Sean Connery, Honor Blackman and Gert Fröbe star
2.30 Nightscreen Text information.
5.05 - 6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

5.55am Small Animal Hospital
A sick cat.
6.40 Explorers ★★★
Sci-fi adventure starring Ethan Hawke. A trio of kids unwittingly build a craft that can pass through solid matter.
8.40 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.
9.35 The Simpsons Triple bill.
11.05 Imagine That ★★
Comedy fantasy starring Eddie Murphy. A stockbroker discovers that imaginary friends can be surprisingly useful.
1.10-3.20pm Rocketeer ★★★★
Fantasy adventure starring Bill Campbell. A young pilot discovers a rocket-powered backpack and becomes a superhero.
3.20pm Honey, I Shrunk the Kids ★★★★ Disney comedy fantasy starring Rick Moranis. Professor Wayne Szalinski's obsession with developing a miniaturisation ray causes him to neglect his wife and two children and attracts ridicule from his suburban neighbours. But then a freak accident triggers the inventor's device and reduces his children, and those of his neighbour to microscopic size.
5.20 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather
5.35 Hollyoaks
Can Kim stop Lindsey from striking again?
6.35 Celebrity Couples Come Dine with Me
Jaymi Hensley from boy band Union J and his partner Olly Marmon host an all-singing, all-dancing Christmas soirée, TV presenter Gail Porter and boyfriend Craig Stewart go back to their roots with a traditional Scottish shindig, and ex-EastEnders actor Ricky Groves and his partner Kay Russell plump for a proper cockney knees-up. But when it comes to the scores, who will have impressed the others enough to take the charity prize?
7.30 TFI New Year's Eve
Host Chris Evans and the team prepare to ring in the new year with the usual raucous mix of celebrity interviews, music and zany features. Among the guests joining in the fun are actor Will Poulter, singers Sia, Olly Murs and Izzy Bizu, the Vaccines and the resurgent New Order.
9.00 Alan Carr's New Year Specstacular
The host has once again been given licence to run riot around Channel 4's HQ during his annual extravaganza of unpredictable activities, party games, oddball sketches and musical performances. The guests joining in the ribald fun include David Guetta, Danny Dyer, Mel B, Greg Davies, Verne Troyer and Katherine Ryan.
11.10 Eight out of Ten Cats End of Year Special
There are silly games and surprises galore as the guests look back at the funniest stories and biggest personalities of 2015. As ever Jimmy Carr is on hosting duty, while Jon Richardson and Sean Lock are the rival team captains.
12.10am The Big Fat Quiz of the Year
Rob Brydon, Sue Perkins, David Mitchell, Claudia Winkleman, Greg Davies
2.10 Catastrophe
1/6 Series 2. The turbulent lovers want to welcome their new arrival with a party - and get all the introductions over in one hit.
2.35 2/6. Can Rob find an outlet for his frustration? Sharon contends with the dreaded "mombies".
3.05 3/6. In an attempt to spice up their love life, Sharon and Rob go on a romantic break to Paris.
3.35 Gadget Man
Richard Ayoade visits a hi-tech home with Claudia Winkleman.
4.00 Location, Location, Location
Kirstie and Phil help find "forever" homes.
4.50 - 5.40am Deal or No Deal

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.00 World's Strongest Man
9.50 Carry On Teacher ★★★
Comedy starring Ted
Ray and Kenneth Connor The pupils of Maudlin Street School try to prevent their headmaster from leaving.
11.30-1.50pm Sinatra 100: an All-Star Grammy
Concert Stars celebrate the centenary of the crooner's birth.
1.50pm One Chance ★★★
Comedy based on a true story, starring James Corden. Bullied and humiliated, Paul Potts has found solace in his love for singing. It's this which ultimately leads to a life- changing appearance on television.
3.55 The Wizard of Oz ★★★★★
Classic musical fantasy starring Judy Garland, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr and Jack Haley. When a huge tornado hits, Dorothy is whisked off into a strange world where she must escape the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West.
6.00 Loch Lomond: a Year in the Wild
4/4. Winter comes in mild and wet, so the red deer stags have time to fatten up after the autumn rut.
Followed by 5 News Update
6.55 World's Strongest Man
The holder of the Britain's Strongest Man title, Eddie Hall, has broken the deadlift record this year but he faces stiff competition in the fifth heat from Americans Mike Burke and Mike Caruso, young Slovenian Matjaz Belsak, Grzegorz Szymanski of Poland and Norway's Ole Martin Hansen.
7.55 5 News
8.00 Ben Fogle: New Live in the Wild
2/4 Series 1. In Alaska, the adventurer samples the rugged existence of a couple who live half the year in a Mongolian-style yurt.
Followed by 5 News Update
9.00 Britain's Best Loved Double Acts
The results of a public vote reveal the nation's most dazzling duos, from Morecambe and Wise to Ant and Dec. This countdown, first aired in 2014, reveals our favourite pairings across the spheres of comedy, music, animation, drama and sport.
11.55 Most Shocking
Christmas TV Moments A cringe-fest of outrageous moments from the past 50 years.
1.55am SuperCasino Live gaming.
3.10 Loch Lomond: a Year In the Wild
4/4. Winter arrives.
4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge
A search for the world's rarest mammal.
4.25 Divine Designs
Examining works of Hindu and Jain art.
4.50-6.00am House Doctor
Including a basement flat in north London.
5.10 A 200-year-old cottage.
5.35 From Knutsford, Cheshire.

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Friday, January 1st

Catch Me If You Can

BBC2 10.20pm

Based on the true story of conman Frank Abagnale Jn Shattered by the news that his parents are divorcing, 16-year-old Frank runs away to New York. For six years he lives a life of fraud, always staying one step ahead of tenacious FBI agent Carl Hanratty.

Monster Vs Aliens

10.25am **BBC1**

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6.00am Breakfast
With Charlie Stayt.

9.00 Turbo ★★★★
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Reese Witherspoon and Seth Rogen.

10.25 Monsters vs Aliens ★★★★
Animated sci-fi comedy.

11.55 Top of the Pops New Year
With KDA featuring Tinie Tempah and Katy B, the Vaccines and Sigala.

12.55pm The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
The Most Rev Justin Welby delivers his annual address.

1.00 BBC News
Weather; Regional News.

1.15 The Sound of Music Classic family musical
with Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer.

4.05 - 4.30 Shaun the Sheep: The Farmer's Llamas
Shaun is delighted when llamas arrive on the farm.

4.30pm Wreck-It: Ralph ★★★
Animated adventure. The villain of a 19805 arcade game sets off on a quest through other games to prove there's more to him than just being a bad guy.

6.05 BBC News
Regional News; Weather .

6.30 EastEnders
Mick and Linda prepare for their wedding. Dean reappears seeking revenge. More 8pm.

7.00 Billionaire Boy
David Walliams's tale of Len Spud and his son Joe, who become billionaires thanks to toilet roll. But Joe is lonely and transfers from his private school in the hope of finding friends.

8.00 EastEnders
Dean continues his revenge plot against the Carters.

8.30 Dickensian
5/20. To what lengths will Compeyson not go to get Miss Havisham to notice him?

9.00 Sherlock
The Abominable Bride. In a special episode that takes Holmes and Watson back to the 1890s, the ghost of a woman who took her life is, seemingly, prowling the streets with an unslakeable thirst for revenge. The duo must use all their guile to combat this enemy from "beyond the grave".
10.30 Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Widow's Memories. In the second festive episode, a handsome stranger has eyes for Agnes.

11.10 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
Followed by National Lottery Update.

11.35 Adele at the BBC
Adele showcases songs from her new album, 25.

12.50am Weather for the Week Ahead

12.55-6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.35am Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas ★★★
Animated action adventure, with the voice of Brad Pitt.

7.50 Natural World: Honey Badgers - Masters of Mayhem Exploring the reputation of the animal.

8.50 Viva Las Vegas ★★★★
Romantic musical starring Elvis Presley and Ann-Margret.

10.15 Darcey's Ballet Heroes Focusing on male ballet stars. shown Christmas Day 8.50pm

11.15 New Year's Day Concert Live from Vienna
Mariss Jansons conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra for this popular event comprising waltzes and polkas.

12.45pm Little Women
Period drama adapted from the classic novel, starring Winona Ryder

2.40-4.50 The Eagle Has Landed ★★★
Second World War adventure starring Michael Caine.

4.50pm Gorilla Family and Me
2/2. Gordon Buchanan is reunited with a family of Grauer's gorillas, Earth's largest primates.

5.50 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
The Most Rev Justin Welby delivers his New Year address, reflecting on some of 2015's major events.

5.55 The Terminal ★★★
Comedy drama. On a visit to the United States from the eastern European state of Krakozhia, Viktor Navorski finds himself with no legal status when his country falls to a military coup. Without a valid visa or diplomatic status, the hapless Navorski is confined to JFK airport, much to the irritation ofUS customs official Frank Dixon who is determined to be rid of the unwanted visiton.

8.00 Christmas University Challenge
10/10. It's the grand final of this seasonal competition for alumni from some of the UK's top universities - but which one will emerge as this year's champions? Jeremy Paxman asks the questions.

8.30 The Many Faces of Ronnie Corbett
Like many of his generation, Ronnie Corbett had a strong career on stage, but he was already 36 when his first big TV break arrived in the shape of the groundbreaking Frost Report. His role in The Two Ronnies has earned him a chapter in the book of all- time comedy greats, but this documentary also reveals some lesser-known details of Ronnie's life, such as his days as a devout teenage organist.

9.30 The One Ronnie
To mark his 80th birthday in 2010, Ronnie Corbett was joined by some of the biggest names in British comedy, including Harry Enfield, Catherine Tate, Jon Culshaw and Rob Brydon, for a special show.

10.20 Catch Me If You Can ★★★★
Comedy drama, based on the true story of conman Frank Abagnale Jn Shattered by the news that his parents are divorcing, 16-year-old Frank runs away to New York. For six years he lives a life of fraud, always staying one step ahead of tenacious FBI agent Carl Hanratty.

12.30am Shadow of a Doubt ★★★★★
Classic Hitchcock thriller starring Joseph Cotten and Teresa Wright. When Uncle Charlie arrives in the small Californian town of Santa Rosa, he is welcomed with open arms by his family. However his admiring niece soon begins to harbour doubts about her favourite uncle.

2.15 Top Gear: from A to Z

3.15 - 5.15am Sign Zone

3.15 Hugh's War on Waste

4.15 The Secrets of the Mona Lisa

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6.00am CITV

9.25 Dlcklnson's Real Deal
In Lincolnshire.

10.30 Judge Rlnder Real-life
legal disputes.

11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
Vicki Michelle.

12.25pm Celebrlty Squares
Guests include Sarah Millican, Duncan Bannatyne and Tess Daly.

1.10 ITV News Weather

1.25-3.35 Dr No
The first James Bond movie, starring Sean Connery. Bond is sent to Jamaica to investigate the mysterious killing of a fellow agent.

3.35pm Midsomer Murders
The Sicillan Defence. Harriet Farmer was left for dead on the night she tried to elope. A year later she comes out of a coma. Soon afterwards members of a chess club meet grisly ends.

5.35 Wild River with Ray Mears
The adventurer explores the River Wye, setting out from its source towards the Severn Estuary.

6.40 ITV Evening News Weather

7.00 Emmerdale
After visiting Charity in prison, Debbie declares her intention to leave the village.

7.30 Coronation Street
Carla issues an anxious Johnny with an ultimatum. More at 8.30pm.

8.00 Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun
6/6. Eastern Sicily: an Explosive Finale Gino D'Acampo concludes his odyssey around his home country's island in a place where food is all-important. In Taormina, he learns howto make the sweet treat cannoli, before heading to the craters of the imposing Mount Etna. Finally, he makes a pilgrimage to Savoca, which doubled for Corleone in the Godfather films.

8.30 Coronation Street
Michelle and Nick continue to fret over Carla, who is embroiled in something with Robert that she may live to regret.

9.00 The Big Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale
Stephen Mulhern hosts as stars of the shows are tested on 2015's biggest events and funniest moments in both the dales and on the cobbles. Which set of soap stars will scrub up best?

10.00 ITV News Weather

10.15 The Jonathan Ross Show
11/11 The host welcomes his celebrity guests for a fun Christmas edition of the show.

11.20 American Pie: the Wedding
Comedy. After pursuing each other through two movies, Jim and Michelle finally decide to tie the knot.

1.00am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.

3.00 Murden She Wrote
First part of the pilot episode starring Angela Lansbury.

3.50-6.00am Nlghtscreen

Channel4

5.40am Mysterious Island ★★★
Fantasy adventure based on the novel by Jules Verne, starring Michael Craig.

7.30 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.

8.20 Planet 51 ★★★
Animated fantasy. An astronaut is stranded on an alien planet.

10.10 The Simpsons Double bill.

11.15 Inspector Gadget ★
Comedy action adventure based on the cartoons, starring Matthew Broderick.

12.55 - 3.35pm LIVE Racing
Starts from Cheltenham are at 1.20, 1.55, 2.30 and 3.05, and from Musselburgh at 1.35 and 2.10. Presented by Nick Luck.

3.35pm The Golden Compass ★★★
Fantasy adventure based on the first in Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy of novels. In a parallel universe where souls take animal form, orphan girl Lyra has been brought up among the scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. It is there she overhears her uncle, Lord Asriel, talk of a microscopic particle that can pass between different worlds.

5.50 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather

6.00 Tangled ★★★★
Animated fairy-tale adventure featuring the voices Mandy Moore and Zachary Levi. The long-haired Rapunzel has spent her life incarcerated in a tower so when she falls in love with a bandit, she must venture into the outside world for the first time.

8.00 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
New series. 1/6 Series 3. Jamie Oliver and Jimmy Doherty prepare dishes for the weekend from their café on Southend Pier The pair are joined by actor Orlando Bloom, who shows off his sword skills as he rustles up a Moroccan tagine. Plus there's Asian seafood parcels, goat meat and a great British Danger that can be trusted.

9.00 A Good Day to Die Hard ★★
Action thriller starring Bruce Willis. Tough cop John McClane travels to Moscow to help his estranged son, who has somehow become embroiled in an assassination plot. But when McClane senior arrives he discovers that junior is in much deeper than he imagined.

11.00 Rude Tube: Welcome to 2016
Alex Zane marks the end of 2015 with a compilation including 50 of the funniest clips from the show's last series, and another 50 new videos featuring the web's latest comedy stars.

1.10am Damien - Omen II ★★★
Horror sequel starring William Holden and Lee Grant. In the second film in the trilogy, Damien is now a spoilt and obnoxious teenager but his aunt believes there is something even more sinister in his personality.

3.00 Friday Night Dinner
4/6 Series 3. Mum and Dad's anniversary looks set to be ruined.

3.25 You Deserve This House
A woman who runs a swimming club for youngsters with disabilities.

4.20 Location, Location, Location
Two couples who returned to the UK after going travelling.

5.15 Hugh's Three Good Things: Best Bites A recipe
for baked potato with curried mushrooms.

5.20 - 6.10am Deal or No Deal

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!

9.35 Thomas & Friends - Sodor's Legend of the Lost Treasure: the Movie ★★★
Animated adventure featuring Eddie Redmayne.

10.50 Carry On Cabby ★★★
Comedy starring Sidney James, Hattie Jacques, Kenneth Connor and Charles Hawtrey.

12.35pm Bigfoot and the Hendersons ★★ Comedy starring John Lithgow and Melinda Dillon,

2.45 - 4.30 Dracula: Dead and Loving It ★ Comedy horror starring Leslie Nielsen, Peter MacNicol and Steven Weber.

4.30pm Greystoke: the Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes ★★★
Adventure. When Lord Clayton and his pregnant young wife are shipwrecked off the coast of Africa in 1886, a legend is born. Their son, John, is reared in the jungle by apes and becomes master of all he surveys. That is until the day a hunting party strays into his territory, bringing with it the violence of civilisation.

7.00 World's Strongest Man Final
The action in Malaysia should be as intense as the temperatures, as the ten to have battled through the heats compete over six events and two days for the coveted title, won last year for the fourth time by Lithuania's Zydrunas Savickas.

7.55 5 News

8.00 Morecambe and Wise's
Greatest TV Moments
A chance to relive some of the most memorable sketches and routines from the well-loved duo, whose annual specials were a staple on the Christmas TV menu for many years. Shown Christmas Eve 10pm
Followed by 5 News Update

9.00 An Audience with Ken Dodd
The much-loved Liverpudlian looks back on his career in this programme recorded in 1994. The quick-fire comedian, known for his marathon performances lasting up to five hours, recalls learning his trade during summer seasons in Blackpool and working on the same bill as Morecambe and Wise. Among the star-studded audience are James Fox, Molly Sugden, Samantha Fox, Paul Daniels, Warren Mitchell and Frank Carson.

10.55 Greatest Stand Up Comedians
Counting down SO of the funniest people to have toured the stand-up circuit, among them Joan Rivers, Tommy Cooper and Robin Williams.

1.55am SuperCasino
Live gaming.

3.10 Loch Lomond: a Year In the Wild
2/4. Summer brings 17 hours of daylight to Trossachs National Park.

4.00 3/4. Autumn arrives.

4.45-6.00am House Doctor
Triple bill of the show presented by Californian estate agent Ann Maurice.

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 26TH
HONITON: Boxing Day Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, 9.30am.

FRIDAY JANUARY 1ST
CREWKERNE: Yeovil Car Club New Year's Day Classic Car Meet, Haselbury Mill, TA 18 7 NY 10am – 2pm No pre booking, £2 per car. Hog roast and licensed bar. Up to 150 Classics expected (no modern saloons please). Details www.yeovilcarclub.com or 01297 552267.

MONDAY JANUARY 4TH
AXMINSTER: Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6TH
SEATON: Men's Probus Club meeting 10am. Methodist Church Hall, Scallwell Lane. Talk by Patricia Lowther entitled 'When War Broke Out'
BEER: Jurassic Jam at Dolphin Hotel, Fore Street, 8–10.15pm. Music for all to join in. Free admission for musicians and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit the website at www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

THURSDAY JANUARY 7TH
CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be meeting for it's first meeting of the New Year at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street and will be holding a workshop on Macro Photography. Anyone will be made welcome so come along and start a new year off by getting to use those newly acquired Christmas gifts. Further details can be obtained from Mr Peter Partridge on 01460 66885 or by visiting their website www.chardcameraclub.co.uk

FRIDAY JANUARY 8TH
AXMINSTER: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 10.30–12.30. For parents and carers of children (0–18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Preschool age children welcome with parents/carers. At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk

SATURDAY JANUARY 9TH
HINTON ST GEORGE: 'Flix in the Stix' presents '45 Years' (15), in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or, £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

MONDAY JANUARY 11TH
NEROCHE: 'Miniatures of the Wallace Collection', 7.15pm. This lecture by Stephen J.Duffy explains the formation of the collection and looks in depth at such artists as Samuel Cooper, Richard Cosway, Peter Adolph Hall and Jean-Batiste Isabey. Guests £5 Visit nerochedfas.org.uk for more details

THURSDAY JANUARY 14TH
CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association will be holding their AGM meeting at 7.30pm at the Chard Conservative club. Anyone wishing to join the association should attend this meeting where they will be made most welcome. Details before doing so can be obtained from the Secretary Mr Gary Pennells on 01460 77978 or Paula Moon 01460 929041

SUNDAY JANUARY 17TH
SIDMOUTH: ShelterBox Tea Dance at Stowford Centre. 2.30pm. Ballroom & Sequence dancing hosted by Jean and David (01395 579856). £3 per dancer, licensed cafe open for light refreshments.

MONDAY JANUARY 18TH
AXMINSTER: Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20TH
BEER: Jurassic Folk Club at the Dolphin Hotel, Fore Street 8–10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903.
TATWORTH: FREE Tea & Talk "RNAS Yeovilton Past, Present & Future" in the Brewer Room at Tatworth Memorial Hall. 2pm. Organised by Tatworth & Forton Active Living. For more details call 01460 220339.
SEATON: Men's Probus Club meeting 10 a.m. Methodist Church Hall, Scallwell Lane. Talk by Darren Walker of Devon Action entitled 'Help and Advice for the over 50s'.

THURSDAY JANUARY 21ST
CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be away from their base as they visit Wellington Camera Club at Wellington for the first inter club competition of the new year.

FRIDAY JANUARY 22ND
TATWORTH: Film: '45 Years' (cert 12a) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198

MONDAY JANUARY 25TH
AXMINSTER: Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

The Dylan Project return to the David Hall

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The Dylan Project perform at The David Hall this Saturday, December 19th at 8pm.

Tickets are £19, available from www.thedavidhall.org.uk or call 01460 240340.

The Sheldon Singers to perform Christmas concert following tour of the Czech Republic

THE Sheldon Singers have had a busy autumn season with their tour of the Czech Republic where they gave five concerts in Prague and Southern Bohemia, including an appearance on Czech television.

The choir were warmly received at concerts in castles, baroque churches and a grand greenhouse!

More recently the choir has sung at the Honiton Civic Service and the Honiton Town Band remembrance festival.

Next year the Sheldon Singers will perform Karl Jenkins much acclaimed mass for peace, The Armed Man, to celebrate the choir's 30th anniversary.

The choir will welcome in Christmas with an evening of carols, festive readings and mince pies on Saturday, December 19th, 7.30pm at St Paul's Church, Honiton. Tickets are now available at the Honiton Tourist Information Centre or on 01404 43805.

■ Conductor – Julie De' Ath Lancaster leading the Sheldon Singers on tour in the Czech Republic

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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27TH
AXMINSTER: Coffee Afternoon and Cooking Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 2.30–4pm. At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk

THURSDAY JANUARY 28TH
AXMINSTER: Cook and Chat coffee morning and cooking demo. For Parents/Carers with children, by HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster 9.30–11am. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 1ST
AXMINSTER: Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.
NEROCHE: 'The Art & Craft of the Pewterer', 7.15pm. This lecture by Andrew Spira will describe what pewter is, the history and decorative techniques, every step of the manufacturing process and various national styles. Guests £5. For more details visit nerochedfas.org.uk

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD
BEER : Jurassic Jam at Dolphin Hotel, Fore Street, 8–10.15pm. Music for all to join in. Free admission for musicians and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit the website at www.jurassicfolkandjam.com
SEATON : Men's Probus Club meeting 10 a.m. Methodist Church Hall, Scallwell Lane. Talk by David Baldock entitled Spring on the Welsh Borders.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH
AXMINSTER: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 10.30–12.30. For parents and carers of children (0–18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Preschool age children welcome with parents/carers. At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15TH
AXMINSTER: Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH
BEER: Jurassic Folk Club at the Dolphin Hotel, Fore Street 8–10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903.
SEATON: Men's Probus Club meeting 10 a.m. Methodist Church Hall, Scallwell Lane. Talk by Robin Miller entitled 'History & Background of Earth's Volcanoes'.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21ST
SIDMOUTH: ShelterBox Tea Dance at Stowford Centre. 2.30pm. Ballroom & Sequence dancing hosted by Jean and David (01395 579856). £3 per dancer, licensed cafe open for light refreshments.

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25TH
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MONDAY FEBRUARY 29TH
AXMINSTER: Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND
BEER: Jurassic Jam at Dolphin Hotel, Fore Street, 8–10.15pm. Music for all to join in. Free admission for musicians and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903. www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

Pulman's Property View

5 TIPS FOR SAVING WATER

By Julia Gray, Press Association

1. FLUSHING: About a third of the water we use at home is for flushing the loo, but you can save a lot by only flushing when there's something solid to flush away. If this doesn't appeal, you can restrict the amount of water used for each flush by fitting a water-saving loo, such as a dual-flush one that has a big and a little flush. You can also put something (a brick, or a plastic bag designed for the job - some water companies provide these free of charge) in the cistern, so it doesn't use as much water to flush.

2. SHOWERS: Taking a shower uses around two-thirds less water than taking a bath, but this is providing you're only in the shower for a few minutes and it's not a power shower - power showers can use more water than a bath. You'll save most water by fitting a flow-restricting shower or an aerating shower head. These use less water per minute and shouldn't leave you showering in a dribble. Mira Showers' Eco showers, for example, use flow regulators to limit the maximum flow of water, while their Eco shower heads use aerating technology to create the sensation of a normal flow using a lot less water (see www.mirashowers.co.uk).

3. DRIPPING: If you have a dripping tap, fix it as quickly as possible because it will soon waste litres of water. Often the tap just needs a new washer, which isn't hard to fit. You can also save water by fitting flow restrictors or regulators to your home's taps, or tap inserts that aerate the water.

4. RECYCLING: One of the best ways to save water is to install a grey-water recycling system. This typically takes waste water from the bath, shower and basin (and sometimes other waste water too) and uses it for the loo and outside tap. There are various ways to do this, some of which are expensive, but it can be as straightforward as fitting a waste-pipe splitter to separate the water from your bathroom's loo from the room's other waste water.

5. WATER BUTT: In the garden, rainwater can be collected in a water butt by connecting it to a downpipe, which is a fairly simple DIY job. This makes watering the garden easier, especially when there's a hosepipe ban. A more elaborate version of this is a rainwater harvesting system. There are different versions, but it's often a system that collects rain from the guttering and pumps it to where it's needed. More than half of the mains water we use at home could be replaced by rainwater in this way, so it could make a big difference.

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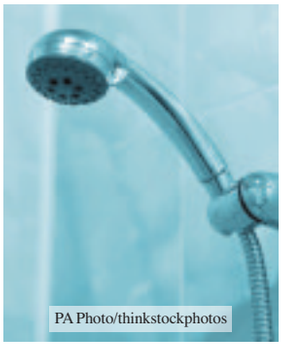
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WYCH COURT, HAWKCHURCH - £250,000

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THE MAPLE

NEW BUILD

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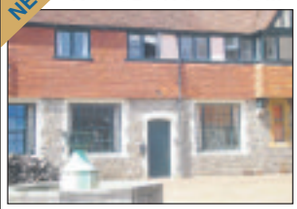

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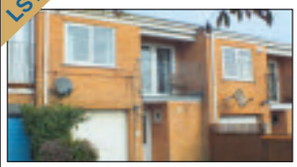

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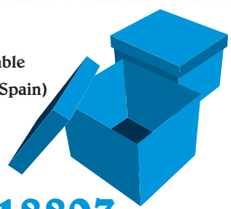

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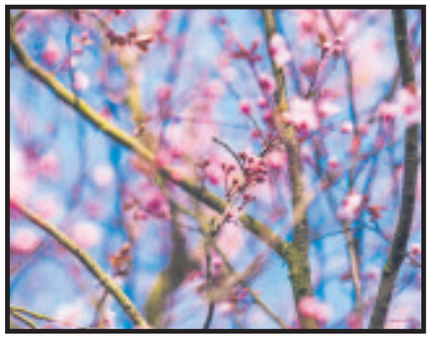

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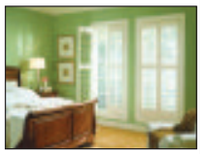

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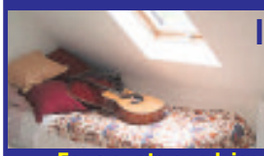

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Five stars for the Mercedes Benz GLC

THE Mercedes-Benz GLC has achieved the top score in the Euro NCAP rating. The new mid-size SUV has received five stars, continuing the Mercedes-Benz success story in impressive style. In 2014 the GLA, C-Class and V-Class were likewise awarded five stars by Euro NCAP.

The GLC has achieved five stars for occupant safety, child safety, pedestrian protection and its assistance systems – giving it the maximum score in the Euro NCAP rating. The basis for this outstanding result is the perfect interaction between active and passive safety: the combination of a highly rigid safety passenger cell, highly effective restraint systems, the latest driver assistance systems and other measures leads to first-class test results.

"The new GLC's gratifying result in the Euro NCAP rating confirms the success of our efforts in the areas of active and passive safety," said Prof. Dr.-Ing. Rodolfo Schöneburg, Head of Vehicle Safety, Durability and Corrosion Protection at Mercedes-Benz Cars. "We will continue to intensify our efforts in the future, so as to provide the best possible safety not only for drivers and passengers in a Mercedes-Benz, but also for more vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists."

Real Life Safety plus Intelligent Drive

Assessment by means of crash ratings is only one aspect of the comprehensive safety philosophy followed by Mercedes-Benz. Thanks to the knowledge acquired as a result of accident research conducted in-house, the GLC has also been systematically designed with real-world accidents in mind. In this way, Mercedes-Benz is once again highlighting the leading role it plays as a safety pioneer in the field of automotive safety. The comprehensive approach taken by Mercedes-Benz accident research centres focuses on avoiding accidents completely or mitigating their consequences. The company uses the term "Real Life Safety" to describe this approach.

Almost all of the driver assistance systems which are familiar from the C-, E- and S-Class are available for the new GLC. As part of the Intelligent Drive concept, these systems combine data from various sensor technologies to substantially enhance comfort and safety. COLLISION PREVENTION ASSIST PLUS, Crosswind Assist, Headlamp Assist and ATTENTION ASSIST are on board as standard. The Driving Assistance package Plus provides an even more comprehensive range of active safety features, comprising DISTRONIC PLUS with Steering Assist and Stop&Go Pilot, PRE-SAFE® Brake with pedestrian detection, BAS PLUS with Cross-Traffic Assist, Active Blind Spot Assist, Active Lane Keeping Assist and PRE-SAFE® PLUS.

These measures exceeding the bounds of the actual Euro NCAP rating have been acknowledged by Euro NCAP with two so-called "Advanced Rewards" for PRE-SAFE® and ATTENTION ASSIST.

Best possible protection for more vulnerable road users

The protection of more vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists is also taken very seriously by Mercedes-Benz. The GLC is equipped with an active bonnet which is raised by 80 millimetres during an impact to provide additional deformation space. Under the bonnet, the package has been further optimised with a new engine cover and deformable air intake,creating yet more deformation space. In this way the GLC meets the stringent pedestrian protection requirements of Euro-NCAP, which go well beyond the legal requirements.

BAS PLUS warns the driver when pedestrians are detected in the danger zone by the stereo camera. The PRE-SAFE® Brake with pedestrian recognition triggers autonomous braking when the system detects a pedestrian in the danger zone and the driver does not react to the system's warnings. This pedestrian detection forming part of the optionally available Driving Assistance package Plus represents a milestone in preventing accidents with pedestrians or mitigating their consequences.

The GLC's standard safety systems, which in the UK include the autonomous emergency braking system Collision Prevention Assist Plus, also help it to achieve a reduction of up to six insurance groups in Thatcham ratings, when compared with an equivalent model without such systems.

A tradition of top results for Mercedes-Benz

The most recent top result for the GLC is a continuation of last year's successes: in last year's Euro NCAP ratings the GLA, the C-Class and the V-Class all achieved five stars, occupying the top positions amongst all vehicles tested in 2014. The C-Class was specially praised by Euro NCAP as the best in class among medium-class passenger cars.

From 2015 onwards, the test requirements have been extended to include a further frontal impact against a rigid barrier. The full points score for frontal impact protection is therefore divided between this new test and the offset frontal impact test against a deformable obstacle. The side impact test now uses a larger, heavier impact sledge, and the lateral post impact test is conducted with a stronger impact offset at an angle. A new, more realistic crash-test dummy – WordSID – is now used for the side impact tests for a better assessment of occupant protection.

▲ Mercedes-Benz GLC

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Six out of ten motorists oppose changes to drink driving laws

NEW poll ahead of Christmas found most drivers in England, Wales & Northern Ireland do not want an extension Scotland's 'one-pint-and-you're-out' clampdown

Six out of ten motorists oppose a new clampdown on drink driving, according to a new survey.

It found that 62% of drivers do not support an extension of Scotland's new 50mg limit for England, Wales and Northern Ireland – a year after it was introduced north of the border.

The overwhelming majority of respondents (84%) said the new measures would harm the already struggling pub trade.

And fewer than half those polled (43%) thought the proposed restrictions would make our roads safer.

Three-quarters of drivers (74%) felt further changes may unfairly affect drivers travelling to work the morning after a night's drinking.

And 68% said a new clampdown would be detrimental to the quality of life in rural areas where public transport is often limited.

The results were revealed in a new poll for road safety firm SmartWitness, which makes Britain's most popular dash-cams.

Last December, Scotland reduced the legal alcohol limit from 80mg to 50mg in every 100ml of blood.

Campaigners argued that the change would cut the number of deaths and serious injuries on Scottish roads.

The limit elsewhere in the UK has remained at 80mg – the highest in Europe.

The UK government has said that at present it has no plans to adopt the Scottish measures because it would have no impact on 'high risk offenders'.

But the Police Federation has called for the Scottish limit to be introduced throughout the UK. Experts have said the new 50mg limit means that an average man is limited to a pint of beer or a large glass and women to half a pint of beer or a small glass of wine.

That's why the new rules have been dubbed the 'one-pint-and-you're-out' clampdown.

SmartWitness chief executive said Paul Singh said: "This new research shows that there is no desire to extend the Scottish drink driving clampdown to the rest of the UK.

"Drink driving offences have been falling steadily since 1979 and there has been a huge reduction in drink driving accidents in the same period – down from 20,000 a year to around 6,000.

"The police have done a great job in enforcing the drink drive laws, particularly at Christmas time, and hammering the message that drink driving is totally unacceptable behaviour."

SmartWitness makes Britain's most popular vehicles CCTV cameras.

Sales of SmartWitness cameras have shot up by 30% in the last two years as more motorists use the technology to guard against cash-for-crash fraudsters and to improve their driving standards.

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Kia kicks off 2016 early with attractive range of customer offers

KIA Motors UK Ltd is starting 2016 early with a range of attractive customer offers across the entire line-up, available from 188 dealers across the network. Offers include the newly introduced Optima and the best-selling Sportage. Customers can save up to £1,400 on selected models, enjoy a finance deal of 4.9 per cent across the entire Kia range and have a generous selection of deposit contributions.

The all-new Optima is opening with a strong launch, with a £1,500 deposit contribution on 4.9 per cent PCP. Other offers across the Kia range include the current Sportage, where mid-grade and upper-grade 1.7 CRDi diesel derivatives now benefit from a £1,200 customer saving and £1,200 deposit contribution when financed on a 4.9 per cent PCP deal.

Kia's popular 'SR7' range of vehicles, which includes the Picanto, Rio, Venga, cee'd and Carens, is available with zero per cent finance and zero per cent deposit on PCP, lowering the entry to ownership level significantly. The zero per cent PCP offer on Picanto also includes £500 deposit contribution, whilst Rio's offer comes with a £250 deposit contribution.

There are also discounts across a number of vehicles in the Kia range. Kia's small car range, the Picanto and Rio both have massive customer cash savings of up £1,000 available. Additionally there are improved customer savings on Venga 'SR7' and '2', which have increased to £1,000.

Kia's popular cee'd range are also included in the deals. The latest offers on the new cee'd include customer savings of up to £900 across the range. This is on top of £1,500 deposit contribution being made available on every new cee'd financed on a 4.9 per cent PCP agreement.

Moving forward into 2016, Kia's Care-3 servicing plan will continue to be on offer for customers. This highly competitive service package deal means your first three services, normally due over the course of three years, costs only £99 for all 'SR7' grade customers – similar rates are available for other model specifications.

▲ Kia Optima

Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles announces new petrol range

▲ Volkswagen Caddy Life

VOLKSWAGEN Commercial Vehicles has announced that the fourth-generation Caddy Life and Caddy panel van variants and sixth-generation Caravelle are now available to order with a petrol engine. Prices start from £13,610 (Basic RRP excl. VAT) for the 1.2 TSI 84PS 5-speed Caddy panel van Startline model, from £15,110 for the 1.2 TSI 84PS 5-speed manual Caddy Life and from £28,950 for the 2.0 TSI 150PS 6-speed manual Caravelle SE short wheelbase.

As with the diesel-powered Caddy and Caravelle models, the new petrol variants come with a full range of technology, comfort, convenience and safety features. These include a composition colour infotainment system with DAB radio, Bluetooth, and Post-Collision Braking system, as well as additional options such as High Beam Assist, City Emergency Braking and Adaptive Cruise Control.

The new Euro 6 petrol engine range will consist of a 1.2 84PS 5-speed manual, a 1.0 102PS 5-speed manual and a 1.4 125PS with either the 6-speed manual or 7-speed DSG gearbox available on both Caddy panel van and Caddy Life as well as a 2.0 150PS 6-speed manual and 2.0 204PS 7-speed DSG on the Caravelle SE short wheelbase (SWB) model.

The Caddy is the second best-selling model in Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles' range after the Transporter. The fourth-generation Caddy panel van continues to be available in three trim levels – Startline, Trendline and Highline – and with short or Maxi wheelbases. The Maxi version adds 469mm to the short wheelbase's already generous 1,781mm and a load capacity of 4.2m^3 (SWB 3.2m^3).

Caddy Life and Maxi Life come with a significant amount of standard equipment, but there are also some desirable options available to help with everyday life behind the wheel. These include Park Assist, which makes light work of manoeuvring into parking spaces, or Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC), which will keep you at a pre-set distance from the car in front by regulating your speed in accordance with the traffic in front of you.

Volkswagen's Caddy Life offers flexible seating for up to seven passengers, including the driver. The two rear rows of seats can be folded, double folded or removed to leave a loading space of up to 3,030 litres. The Caddy Maxi Life, with its extra 420mm length, offers an additional 340 litres, bringing the total loading area up to 3,370 litres.

The sixth-generation Caravelle SE SWB offers space and versatility for up to six passengers. It comes with twin sliding side doors as standard, designed to provide easy access for passengers and luggage. The rear seats are rail mounted to provide flexible and comfortable seating options and the safety and technology features included as standard are first class.

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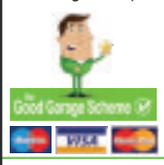

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As they stand

Toolstation D1 (40)	Pld	Pts
Cheddar	21	41
CHARD TOWN	21	40
Chipping Sodbury	21	39
Old and Abbotonians	18	39
Hengrove Athletic	18	34
Corsham Town	22	31
Radstock Town	20	31
Ashton & Backwell	21	30*
Wells City	18	30
Almondsbury	19	29
Keynsham Town	18	28
Roman Glass St G	22	28
Chippenham Park	20	28
Wellington	20	27
Portishead Town	17	26
Warminster Town	19	25
Calne Town	17	23
Devizes Town	22	16
Westbury Utd	22	16
Wincanton Town	18	10
Bishops Sutton	20	2

SWP Div One (E) (34)	Pld	Pts
St Martins	16	40
Teignmouth	16	35
Tiverton Town Res	13	33
University of Exeter	17	31
Alphington	18	29
AXMINSTER TOWN	21	29
Appledore	13	25
Crediton Utd	16	25
Galmpton Utd	15	24
Budleigh Salterton	17	23
Exwick Villa	16	23
SIDMOUTH TOWN	16	21
Newton Abbot Spurs	13	19
Brixham AFC	18	19
Bovey Tracey	19	19
Totnes & Dartington	17	16
Liverton Utd	16	11
Okehampton Argyle	19	3

Somerset Div 1 (W) (24)	Pld	Pts
Middlezoy Rovers	7	21
Wells City Res	8	19
Glastonbury FC	8	18
Cleeve West Town	9	17
Congresbury	11	17*
Minehead	9	12
COMBE ST NIC	8	10
Winscombe	9	9
ILMINSTER TOWN	7	8
Burnham Utd	9	7
Portishead Town Res	6	5
Street Res	7	4
St George Easton	10	3

D&E Premier (30)	Pld	Pts
Newtown	13	34
Feniton	14	32
Topsham Town	12	27
Honiton Town	14	25
Elmore	11	24
Exwick Villa Res	17	24
Heavitree Utd	22	22
Chard Town Res	16	14
Clyst Valley	14	13
Newton St Cyres	13	12
Hatherleigh Town	10	11
Seaton Town	9	10
Sidbury Utd	13	10*
Bow AAC	10	8
Beer Albion	12	8
Willand Rovers Res	10	7

D&E Div Six (26)	Pld	Pts
Millwey Rise	11	27
Whipton & Pinhoe	8	24
Winchester	9	24
Newton St Cyres Res	7	19
Royal Oak (Exeter)	12	19
South Zeal Utd	10	17
Winkleigh	9	14
Exwick Village	13	14
Dunkeswell Rovers	12	13
East Budleigh Res	12	12*
Ilminster Town Res	13	10*
Woodbury Res	9	7
Silverton	11	6
Stoke Hill	8	0

Perry St Premier (24)	Pld	Pts
Beaminster	8	24
Barrington	8	21
Shepton Beauchamp	8	17
Perry Street	5	13
Combe Reserves	10	13
W & M Chinnock	10	13
South Petherton	6	12
Winsham Utd	10	11
Netherbury	11	11
Chard Utd	10	11
Forton Rangers	9	5
Crewkerne Town	10	3*
Lyme Regis Bantams	5	2*

Perry St Div 1 (24)	Pld	Pts
Hawkchurch Utd	10	25
Barrington Res	9	19
Misterton	9	18
Drimpton	7	18
Pymore	8	11
Waytown Hounds	8	11
Uplyme	7	10
Beaminster Res	8	10
Combe A	7	7
Ilminster Town Colts	9	7
Crewkerne Rangers	9	5
Thorncombe	9	2

Perry St Div 2 (24)	Pld	Pts
Merriott Rovers	9	22
Chard Rangers	11	22
Shepton Beau Res	9	20
South Petherton Res	7	18
Combe B	9	18
Winsham Utd Res	12	18
Chard Utd Res	10	15
Farway Utd	9	15
Hinton St George	12	12
Merriott Dynamos	9	7
Kingsbury Episcopi	12	7
Thorncombe Res	9	0

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Dowlish & Donyatt	9	24
Perry Street Res	8	18
Fivehead	10	18
Charmouth	9	18
Uplyme Reserves	9	16
Halstock	5	13
Chard Rangers Res	8	13
Netherbury Reserves	7	12
Drimpton Reserves	10	11*
Crewk Rangers Res	9	9
Ilminster Town A	10	6
Chard Utd All Stars	10	6
Farway Utd Res	10	3

Chard complete superb year on the road

Injury time double boosts Barrington title hopes – Big win for Missy

Saturday, December 5th
CORSHAM TOWN 1 CHARD TOWN 2
Toolstation Division One – att; 89

CHARD Town continued their remarkable away form with a 2-1 win at fellow high fliers Corsham on Saturday.

The Robins lost Andy Martin just before the match due to a family emergency but welcomed Leigh Bailey and James Regan back into the squad.

Corsham started the strongest and Jason Hutchings pulled off a superb close range save to keep the sides level.

Chard took the lead on the half hour when some great work from Luke Woodland and Ed Butcher set up Braeden Symes who guided the ball home from eight yards.

In the second half Chard had to compete with a strong wind but they dug in and doubled their lead on 70 minutes when a Regan free kick was flicked home by Bailey.

Corsham tried to fight back and Hutchings made a another superb save down to his right but was finally beaten in the last minute when the hosts managed to bundle the ball over the line, but Chard held on to bank all three points and move back up to second in the table.

Delighted Chard manager Adam Fricker said: "We thoroughly deserved the points, I was really pleased as its a really tough place to go.

"We have now gone the whole of 2015 unbeaten away from home in the league, that's a massive achievement for the lads that have played in those games, but also a record that we will look to continue in 2016."

The Robins are set to entertain fifth placed HENGROVE ATHLETIC at Zembard Lane next Saturday (3pm ko)

AXMINSTER TOWN 2 LIVERTON UTD 3

AXMINSTER, facing a lowly Liverton United at Tiger Way, started slowly and, with the game only two minutes old the visitors had a free header cleared off the line.

The warning signs were there for Axminster and sure enough they conceded in the 13th minute when a Ryan Beattie header was half cleared but the ball had already crossed the line.

Almost straight away the Tigers had a good opportunity to equalise when the ball fell to Ben Vine, but unfortunately his shot drifted wide.

Axminster quickly had two corners in succession with Nathan Warren shooting wide after being well placed. The home side were beginning to build up pressure with some neat play between Warren and Liam Cleal almost resulting in Axminster's opening goal.

Two further good chances fell to Vine but both attempts fell short and Liverton countered quickly to make it 2-0 with an excellent low shot which gave keeper Scott Wells-Burr no chance.

Axminster started the second half with much more urgency and a wonderful through ball by Warren in the 48th minute opened up the visiting defence for Luke Finn to run onto. Liverton's keeper Simon Primmer rushed out to intercept and was clearly outside his penalty area when handled the ball.

But to the amazement of all in the ground the referee gave a yellow card only, causing derision from the players and the crowd!

To make matters worse Primmer then made a top draw save from the resulting free-kick.

But the Tigers pulled one back soon after when Ben Vine's diving header found the back of the net.

Finn looked to have salvaged a point with the Tigers' second 20 minutes from time but a long through ball split the Axminster defence for the simplest of goals. Axminster tried in vain to get back on terms but Liverton saw out the remainder of the game.

Devon & Exeter League
CHARD TOWN RESERVES 1 NEWTOWN 2
Premier Division

CHARD Town Reserves put in a good shift before dipping to a 2-1 defeat at the hands of title chasing Newtown at Zembard Lane on Saturday.

Chard manager Stu Parris said: "We played really well, we would have taken the lead, but for a very strange decision from the linesman.

"Max Westlake pulled the ball back for Oscar Latas to fire home but away linesman's the flag went up for the ball going over the by line, when everyone could clearly see it wasn't even debatable, to say the crowd behind the goal were animated was an understatement!

"It's just a shame that, in a game where we played the better football, we didn't get our reward."

The Robins enjoyed decent possession playing up the hill in the first half, but nearly gifted the visitors a goal just before half time when a lack of communication presented a Newtown player with an empty net - however Luke Jackson came from nowhere to clear off the line.

The Second half was more of the same and Chard looked the more likely to break the deadlock.

However, a poor clearance gifted Newtown the lead. The hosts pressed and continued creating chances, but either couldn't hit the target or hit the keeper.

They finally got the equaliser when a sweeping move down the left wing resulted in Jamie Barfoot latching on to a through ball, only to be fouled on his way through on goal.

Max Westlake converted the penalty and Chard felt they were in a great position to go on and get all three points.

Then, 10 minutes from the end, a long distance shot was tipped on to the post only for the Newtown striker to finish from close range.

Parris continued: "We felt a little bit hard done by, and we could tell by the celebrations at the final whistle that they had felt that they got away with it.

"But there were some many positives to take out of the game, the football we played on a sticky pitch was excellent and defensively we looked more solid than in previous weeks."

WINCHESTER 1 ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES 5
Division Six

ILMINSTER Reserves upset the form book with a fine away win. They led 2-0 at half time through goals from Lee Sweet and Charlie Rutter.

Andy Morley made it 3-0 seconds into the second-half and further strikes from Morley and player-manager Kenny Timson rounded off the scoring.

COMBE ST NICHOLAS 7 SGE GORDANO 1
Somerset League Div 1 (W)

COMBE had few problems against bottom of the league SGE Gordano at Slades Cross as they racked up their biggest win in over a year.

They took the lead after 15 minutes through Rich Hebditch after good work from Stu Richards and Joe Simmons.

Matt Brown added number two before the interval and the Saints never looked back.

Hebditch made it 3-0 before Darren Brown scored a 30-yard scorcher for the pick of the goals.

Hebditch completed his hat-trick, Simmons tapped in a fine Josh Chadwick cross and top-scorer Hebditch netted his 16th goal of the season.

A defensive mix-up denied Combe their first clean sheet in 11 games as the visitors grabbed a late consolation.

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
RESULTS – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
DORSET MINOR CUP QF
Corfe Castle Res 2 Charmouth 1

TOMMY TABBERER CUP R1

JUST two Tabberer Cup ties survived the wet weekend. A Ben McCafferey strike earned Chard Utd Res a 1-0 win over Chard Rangers in the Jocelyn Park derby.

Meanwhile, a double from Louis Roper and a third from Mike Calverley saw Merriott Dynamos progress with a 3-1 over Kingsbury whose goal came from Chris Ware – his first for the club after 10 years!

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW; Hinton v Chard Utd Res, Merriott Dynamos v South Petherton Res, Winsham Utd Res v Farway Utd, Thorncombe Res or Merriott Rovers v Combe B or Shepton Beau Res.

BILL BAILEY CUP R1

IT WAS a similar story in the Bailey Cup. Perry Street Reserves needed extra time before edging past Crewkerne Rangers Reserves 3-2 at Wadham School.

Dale Hutter, Dan O'Connor and Sam Bond netted for the Mothers with Kerry Cabell and Ian Bambury on target for the hosts.

Over at the Rec veteran Arthur Mather scored the winner a Chard United All Stars beat Iminster Town A 1-0.

PREMIER
CREWKERNE TOWN 1 NETHERBURY 1

CREWKERNE Town celebrated the news that they had a new manager in place with a battling point at Henhayes.

Lee Gillman took over the reins as manager and chairman from Paul Higgins who had been filling-in in a caretaker capacity.

Gillman told *Pulman's Sport*: "It was a very good game, I think we were the stronger in the first half, our very young team missed three or four good chances."

Kieron Adams put Crewkerne ahead after some good work from Elliott Calvert. Netherbury were on top after the break and equalised through Alex Goodrick to earn a point.

Gillman said: "The back four and keeper Matt Bisgrove were outstanding."

SOUTH PETHERTON 1 COMBE RESERVES 2

SOUTH PETHERTON manager Karl Diment rued his team's luck as their title hopes took a dent at Lightgate Lane.

"You know it's not your day when you hit the crossbar four times and miss at least as many one-on-one chances," said Diment.

Cameron Barfoot put Combe ahead in the 20th minute after the ball had been spilled by the home keeper.

It stayed that way until the 79th minute when Danny Rendell squared things up for the depleted Magpies.

But Josh Manley popped up with the winner two minutes from time."We had six regulars out but hopefully can get at least half of them back next week," said Diment.

W & M CHINNOCK 3 BARRINGTON 4

BARRINGTON battled back from 2-0 and 3-1 down to finally overcome a plucky West & Middle Chinnock side at their Oxleaze home.

The Chinns grabbed the early initiative with strikes from Mark Cawley and a superb solo effort from Matt Burt.

James Thompson pulled one back for the title-chasing visitors only for Charlie Gay to restore the two-goal cushion.

Barrington appeared to heading home empty-handed but there were twists aplenty still to come.

Andy Whitefield made it 3-2 and struck again in injury time as did Thompson to complete a remarkable turn-around.

The Chinns disppointment was compounded when the returning Matt Harvey was sent off by referee Lance Turner.

DIVISION ONE

THE game of the day in Division One saw a first half goal from Scott Jennings goal clinch Misterton all three points form the visit of promotion rivals Drimpton.

The hosts should have had more in the opening 45 but were indebted to a superb second half save from keeper Dave Turner as the Greens put the pressure.

However, they held and even squandered a golden chance for a second when Harvey Saunders missed the target with the goal gaping.

Missy assistant manager Paul McCormack picked out debutant Ashley Francis as MoM at right back.

OTHER SCORES; Beaminster Res 1 (D.Highett) Ilminster Colts 0, Hawkchurch Utd 6 (G.Herrod 2, J.Short, D.Richards, J.Harris), T.Chubb) Combe A 2 (R.Webb, C.Roberto), Pymore 1 (L.Proctor) Uplyme 1 (J.Beddows), Waytown Hounds 3 Thorncombe 2 (K.Smith, A.Allen).

DIVISION TWO
Winsham Utd Res 2 (S.Partridge, B.Smith) Farway Utd 5

DIVISION THREE
Dowlish & Donyatt 3 (G.Haywood, A.Payne, C.Tanner) Chard Rangers Reserves 0.

FIXTURES
Saturday, December 19th (all 2pm ko)
JACK VENN CUP R1
Chard Rangers v Chard Utd Reserves
Combe B v Merriott Rovers
Thorncombe Res v Merriott Dynamos
Winsham Utd Res v Hinton St George

JOHN FOWLER CUP
Round One
Halstock v Uplyme Reserves
Round Two
Dowlish & Donyatt v Perry Street Reserves
Drimpton Res v Netherbury Reserves
Ilminster Town A v Charmouth

PREMIER
Barrington v Beaminster
Combe Res v West & Middle Chinnock
Crewkerne Town v Lyme Regis Bantams
Netherbury v Shepton Beauchamp
Perry Street v Chard Utd
South Petherton v Winsham Utd

DIVISION ONE
Beaminster Reas v Waytown Hounds
Hawkchurch Utd v Misterton
Pymore v Ilminster Town Colts
Uplyme v Drimpton

DIVISION TWO
Kingsbury Episcopi v Farway Utd Reserves
Shepton Beau Res v South Petherton Res

DIVISION THREE
Crewkerne Rangers Res v Farway Utd Res
Fivehead v Chard Rangers Reserves

Battling point, but cracks are papered over

Yeovil Town 2 Barnet 2
SKYBET 2 - ATT; 3,162
By Stuart Broom

ANYONE who didn't go to Huish Park on Saturday might think that shoots of recovery have sprung already under Darren Way's stewardship, as Yeovil Town salvaged a point against Barnet with two late Francois Zoko goals, the second a real gem, which lifted them off the bottom, albeit on goal difference.

Until then the Bees had bossed the game, their slick interplay making the Glovers look ponderous, and it was no surprise that they held a two goal lead by half-time; mind you I don't think anyone would have saved Aaron Mclean's first goal, a free kick hit with such ferocity that Chris Weale got both hands to but couldn't keep out.

The Ivorian was by far the most effective player on the field, and but for him they were toothless; Francis Jeffers and Ryan Bird, despite being the top scorer with seven, are the most ineffective strikers I have seen in many a year at Yeovil.

Connor Roberts once again gave his all, including a superb clearance off the line, and has been the most consistent over the season.

Harry Cornick showed once again how good he could be if he had decent players around him, but both are on-loan and Zoko on a short term contract, and could leave anytime.

I listened to Way's after match interview, and there is no doubting he is as passionate a manager as he was player, and you wish that he could be successful, but with the players at the club at present there is no way that will happen.

He is so hungry for the job but it needs more than desire, and the way Barnet outplayed them for 70 minutes despite having just eight points more, shows there is a mountain to climb.

Unfortunately John Fry needs to get off his backside and do something quickly before it really is too late, if it's not already!

Table (bottom)	Pld	GD	Pts
Newport	21	-9	19
Dag & Red	21	-16	13
YEOVIL	21	-15	12
York	21	-21	12

starter's orders

Sue and Clare can't be split

AXE VALLEY RUNNERS
with Dave Mutter

THE Club's annual senior awards were presented after a sumptuous dinner at the Dolphin Hotel, Beer on Friday evening.

Jake Smith won the Male Runner of the Year and there was a tie between Sue Venn and Clare Hansford for the Female Runner. Dave Mutter won the Club person for 2015 with the Chairman's Shield going to Eleanor Wood.

Sue Tubbs lifted the President's Shield winner while Tony Wood won the Founder's Trophy.

The most improved male was Paul Lloyd and improved female Ruth Moore.

The team award went to Patrick Devine-Wright and his support crew during the South West Coast path run. The New member award was a tie between Robert Kerr and Canny Hart.

Craig Tiley won the Senior handicap with 153pts, with Clare Hansford 2nd 140, Eleanor Wood 3rd 139, Margaret Pearce 4th 136 and Robert Kerr 5th 125.

six-a-side football leisure leagues, axminster

Pinkpanthers leap into leading pack

MIDTABLE Pinkpanthers FC moved themselves onto the fringes of the title race with a stunning 4-1 victory over strugglers The Tools, as Frank Harris was at his best.

Lads On Toure saw their lead at the top cut to just three points after they were held 2-2 by Lokomotiv Sneaky Russians, while Ramos FC stay bottom and lost 2-0 to Tugas Team.

In division one, the top two met and the game between Tekkerslovakia and Stop The Bus ended all square.

It was a similar story at the other end of the table too, with the bottom two facing off.

Carehomessouthwest emerged victorious 3-1 against JCA, with the pick of the other games seeing Millwey Maddos lose 3-0 to Offenders.

Anyone who wants to join the leagues in Axminster can ring 0333 123 2340 or visit www.leisureleagues.net

Referees are also wanted. Get in touch through the same channels

Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Lads on Toure	7	23	12
Rapid V	7	11	9
Lokomotiv SR	7	16	8
Pinkpanthers AFC	7	14	8
Tugas Team	7	9	8
50 Shades of O'Shea	7	-6	7
The Tools	7	-30	2
Ramos Army	7	-37	2

Division One	Pld	GD	Pts
Tekkerslovakia	7	15	13
Stop the Bus	7	9	11
Six Offenders	7	11	8
Uplyme & Sinker	7	3	7
Valarreal	7	0	6
Millwey Maddos	7	-5	6
CarehomesSW	7	-10	4
Jurassic Coast Ath	7	-23	1

◆ **MAD MEN:** The Millwey Maddos team who play on Wednesday evenings in the Axminster Lesiures League six-a-side League at Axe Valley College

darts round-up

AXMINSTER RESULTS (November 24th

TEAM

Axminster Inn 4-2 Red Necks, New Inn 0-6 Lamb Shanks, Red Bulls 1-5 Con Club, Tons Of Bull 6-0 Vault B.

SINGLES

Axminster Inn 2-2 Red Necks, New Inn 1-3 Lamb Shanks, Red Bulls 0-4 Con Club, Tons Of Bull 3-1 Vault B

Team	Pld	Pts
Tons of Bull	10	18
Red Lion A	9	15
Vault A	7	12
Axminster Inn	9	12
Red Necks	9	8
Con Club	8	6
Lamb Shanks	7	6
Vault B	8	5
Red Bulls	9	3
New Inn	10	1

Singles	Pld	Pts
Tons of Bull	10	29
Red Lion A	9	28
Red Necks	9	21
Vault A	7	20
Axminster Inn	9	18
Con Club	8	14
Vault B	8	13
Lamb Shanks	7	11
Red Bulls	9	10
New Inn	10	8

cribbage round up

HONITON

Results; (Dec 10th); Feniton Soc B 5 Honiton Inn A 3, Honiton Inn B 4 Workingmens A 4, New Fountain 4 Vine Inn B 4, Thirsty Farmer 3 Blacksmith Arms 5, Vine Inn A 1 Feniton Soc A 7.

Captains Cup; Audrey Hawkins 0 Julie Bath 1, Brenda Flood 1 Steve Pettitt 0, Lionel Hawkins 0 Hedley Hawkins 1, Maureen Pendrick 0 Mike Dent 1, Rita Freemantle 1 Lorraine White 0.

Fixtures, Dec 17th; Blacksmith Arms v Feniton Soc B, Feniton Soc A v Honiton Inn B, Honiton Inn A v New Fountain, Vine Inn B v Workingmens B, Workingmens A v Thirsty Farmer.

League table	Pld	Pts
Blacksmiths Arms	13	68
Thirsty Farmer	13	55
Feniton Soc B	13	54
New Fountain	13	51
Workingmens A	12	50
Vine Inn B	13	50
Vine Inn A	13	49
Feniton Soc A	12	48
Honiton Inn B	13	47
Workingmens B	12	44
Honiton Inn A	13	44

Captains Cup	Pld	Pts
J.Bath	12	9
J.Davis	12	7
H.Hawkins	13	7
A.Hawkins	13	7
M.Dent	13	7
B.Flood	13	7
R.Freemantle	13	6
L.Hawkins	13	6
M.Pendrick	13	5
L.White	12	5
S.Pettitt	13	4

jack high bowls round-up

Merriott's Bradley earns County squad call-up

HONITON *with Julie Grant*

HONITON men played in some exciting games last week. In the County Trophy they defeated SIDMOUTh 99-61, top rink Peter Baker, Eddie Sharman, Mike Dart & Terry House with a resounding 34-13 win.

In the Over 60 league TORBAY won on one rink, drew on another but the Honiton's away men won on both rinks so well done to Alan Fuller, Ken Clarke, Tony Tooley & Trevor Pipe and Gerry Stafrace, Denis Hillyear, Mike Smith & Malcolm Seaborne.

In the County Top Club competition against MID DEVON the result rested on the last end of the fours. Honiton lost the four wood singles away and the triples, but at home Peter Baker won the two wood singles 21-19 and Tony Tooley & Trevor Pipe won 25-16.

The fours of Steve Coles, Pete Goodwin, Mike Smith & Malcolm Seaborne were two down going into the 21st end but couldn't turn it around so Honiton lost by two events to three.

MERRIOTT SMBC
with Anne Weeks

CONGRATULATIONS and good wishes go to Merriott's 15-year-old Jack Bradley who won the remaining available place in the Somerset Youth selection and will now progress towards a possible place in the England under 18s.

In the Milford & Dormer Triples League Merriott Canaries had a thrilling match against Chard Greyhounds.

The Canaries led 11-6 after the 11th end when the Greyhounds countered with a hot-shot. However, the Canaries held their nerve and went on to win 16-13.

This Saturday Merriott will be participating in the East Coker Givle League in the last match before the Christmas break.

ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*

ILMINSTER were home to TAUNTON DEANE in the Somerset & Devon Mixed League

After a very close match Ilminster won one rink, lost one but won overall by just one shot. Details: Des Maull, Heather Sims, Ann Truscott & Barry Sims 19 S Lloyd 16; Brian Welch, John Mitchell, Maureen Mitchell & June Checketts 19 D Holland 21.

CREWKERNE SMBC
with Gordon Bodily

ON Monday, November 16th our visitors were ODDCOMBE for a mixed friendly.

Scores; Gwen Saunders, Tricia Harris & Bill Green 14-11. Jean Lane, Kathy Bonney & Sid Crisp 7-12. Mikki Simmonds, Carol Thackaberry & Alan Spinney 4-15. Margaret? Dave Wallace & Stuart Gould 8-10. Tom Moll, John Lacey & Julia Davies 15-2. Pat Crisp, Frank Smith & Gordon Bodily 9-7. Final score; Crewkerne 58 Oddcombe 57.

On Tuesday December 8th seven members visited SOUTH PETHERTON for a mixed friendly.

Scores; Gwen Saunders, Tricia Harris & Sid Crisp 5-13. Dave Charnick, Carol Thackaberry & John Lacey 6-16. Dave Charnick, Carol Thackaberry & John Lacey 10-7. Gwen Saunders, Tricia Harris & Gordon Bodily 4-12. Final score; Crewkerne 25 South Petherton 48.

netball honiton

Hi Q march on

Division One;
JD Tyres 17 Sidmouth TC 22, Hi Q 22 Flamingos 9.

SOMETHING had to give as the two remaining unbeaten teams clashed and it was Hi Q who emerged with their record intact with a 22-9 win.

The first quarter had been even with Hi Q edging it 6-4 before gaining the upper hand, thanks to good work from Jazmin Chester. The game then was stopped due the weather but the score stands. Sonia Yorke was the player of the match for the Flamingos.

The other game played saw JD Tyres pick up their first point of the campaign when they lost 22-17 against Sidmouth Toucan Chicks.

Charlotte Yorke caught the eye for the Chicks whilst Amy Phillips was the pick of the Tyres.

Division One	Pd	GD	Pts
Hi Q	9	199	27
Otters	8	126	22
Flamingos	7	141	18
Uplowman	6	100	16
Sidmouth TC	8	-66	12
Signs South West	7	-110	5
Tip Top Trees	7	-126	5
JD Tyres	8	-264	1

DIVISION TWO

Pixies 23 Sidmouth Toucans 23, Blackdown Ladies 27 Beer Blazers 10.

Division Two	Pd	GD	Pts
F & P Panthers	9	149	27
Howden Hawks	8	72	20
Sidmouth Toucans	9	28	18
Otter Valley	8	33	15
Pixies	7	-24	14
Blackdown Ladies	9	-41	14
Swaggermamas	8	-84	10
Beer Blazers	9	-133	0*

Festive fishermen

SEVENTEEN Ilminster AA members fished their Xmas Fayre at Dillington Pond recently.

Justin Charles had the best weight on the day with six big skimmers, a nice perch plus some smaller fish for 15lb caught on the feeder with caster hookbait from peg 17. Jamie Rich was second with 9lb 15oz of quality roach, rudd and perch on the pole and caster from peg 14, and in third place was Steve Hurford with 9lb 7oz of skimmers and perch on the feeder from peg 1.

After the match all the anglers enjoyed a lovely buffet at the Royal Oak, Ilminster and each took home a prize.

The club donated the peg fees from the match to The Brain Tumour Charity in memory of Karen Rich.

The club wished to thank Robin Cox for organising a great match and getting the fantastic prizes and a huge thanks to Steve and Cindy at the Oak for laying on a lovely spread.

For round five of the Royal Oak league, 10 Ilminster AA members found the River Isle in near perfect condition on Sunday and some really good weights were recorded with lots of small fish featuring in catches.

The top three weights all came from the Hambridge section with Graham Field leading the way with 16lb 11oz of roach and perch on the short pole and caster from the first swim above the bridge.

Robin Cox was second from peg H3 with a similar catch weighing 15lb 4oz and in third place was Jamie Rich from the peg next door with 11lb 15oz of mainly roach.

After five matches and dropping the worst result, Graham Field tops the league with four points followed by Robin Cox and Justin Charles on eight.

Result;1 – Graham Field (Taunton) – 16lb 11oz, 2 – Robin Cox (Ilminster) – 15lb 4oz, 3 – Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish) – 11lb 15oz.

Sections; A – Justin Charles (Ilminster) – 9lb 3oz, B – Ashley Tomkins (Tackleuk) – 7lb 14oz.

See more at
www.againstmenandfish.blogspot.co.uk

There is a V.E.S. match on Sunday and the draw is at the Royal Oak between 8.30 and 9am.

Severalls celebrate enjoyable season

◆ **GREAT FUN:** The Severalls Jubilee Bowls Club presentation lunch was held at The Hornsbury Mill on Sunday, November 27th to honour the winners and runners-up of the club competitions in 2015

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BY GLYN HUGHES

Rice proves too hot!

CHARD 19 CLEVEDON 38
South West Division One

PLENTY of effort again from Chard but the visitors had two players in their ranks who were a cut above the rest and they played a decisive part in this game

Centre Aaron Rice had a superb game and crossed for four fine tries. His strong running, aided at times by some uncharacteristic and woeful tackling by Chard, proved to be one of the two big differences between the sides.

Rice was complemented by a good all round kicking display kicking display from Mike Taylor.

Chard took an early lead when they kicked a penalty to the corner and then drove Clevedon back over their own line for an excellent forwards try which ended with Simon Jenkins getting the touch down.

The try was unconverted and Taylor soon reduced the deficit with a penalty goal. Chard missed a penalty in front of the posts in the 18th minute and almost immediately Rice raced through for the first of his tries which Taylor converted. Taylor added another penalty after 24 minutes.

A few minutes later Rice got his second try which was converted and another penalty from Taylor put Clevedon well clear 23–5 at half time.

Taylor added another penalty early in the second half but then there was a significant change in the game.

Chard came back in to the match in a real positive manner. The forwards really upped their game. Mark Parsons, Max Gosden, Dave Biss and the rest of the forwards started to put Clevedon to the sword.

As a result Clevedon now looked vulnerable in that department and they had two players sent to the bin for illegal play.

Chard took full advantage and were awarded two penalty tries both of which were converted by Chard skipper Ryan Helliar.

Having looked dead and buried at half time Chard were now right back in the game at 19–26 but Rice would have the final say with two late tries.

The first was somewhat fortunate in that there appeared to be a clear forward pass involved in the move which was missed by the officials but the second was clear cut and was again helped by some shoddy tackling by the home side.

Injuries, unavailability and some very late call offs are not doing Chard any favours in that they are often having to play players out of position and have also played several games this season without a recognised tactical or line kicker.

However the effort and the commitment of the players cannot be faulted.

Chard are too close to the three relegation spots for comfort at the moment and next Saturday travel to bottom club Coney Hill.

IMPERIAL 1ST XV 50 CHARD 2ND XV 0
Somerset Division One

CHARD are still suffering from the lack of fit senior players not to mention a late call off which meant they travelled with just 14 players

Minehead Colts 14 Chard 33

Top of the table Chard got back to winning ways with this comprehensive win at Minehead.

The Chard squad were fully tested particularly as they had to make four changes in their back division. Emil Szdelko came in to the side for his first start and put in a man of the match performance.

Chard scored five tries with these coming from Ed Sullivan, Ollie Harris, Joel Nicholls, Adam Moore and Liam Mustchin

Saturday's fixtures; 1st xv away at Coney Hill (Gloucester), 2nd xv at home v Bristol Barbarians 1st xv, 3rd xv away v Yeovil 2nd xv, Colts at home v Frampton Cotterill.

tee off golf round up

Festive season underway

HONITON *with Liz Rogers*

THERE were 27 players this week in the Ladies Stableford competition.

The weather remained fine and dry but many players found it heavy going which was reflected in the scores.

In the Silver Division, Jane Watts came top out of six players with a score of 30 points.

In Bronze One division, there were 16 players. Diana Gee defied the conditions and came in with the best score of the day with 35 points.

In second place was Brenda Hyde with 30 points. Third prize was taken by Cathy Uttley with 29 points. The last two prizes went to Linda Blundell and Joan Smith.

In Bronze Two Division Jan Lloyd came top out of five players with 30 points.

Meanwhile, a small field of 45 seniors played a Stableford competition on a wet course.

Best score of the day went to Peter Clarke with 38 to top Division One. Tony Williams was runner-up with 36.

Vic Woods, Dave Morgan and Stan Squire took the rest of the Division One prizes.

Bob Cockett topped Division Two with 33 points, beating Keith Thomas and John Pawley on countback. The other prizes went to David Ive and Brian Morrison.

AXE CLIFF *with Peter Motson*

THE Seniors and the Ladies sections paired up into teams for the Axe Cliff Christmas Frolic and, frolic they did, with many players dressed in their finest Christmas garb.

There was a large amount of frivolity and a small amount of good golf in between.

This Mixed Pairs competition was played in stableford format over 15 holes and the winning score of 34pts, was carded by Caroline Bond & Simon Wellington.

The 2nd place was taken by Anne Jarvis & John Pugh with 31 and in 3rd were Janet Dack & Keith Wilson with a creditable 30.

The prizes were presented by Seniors Captain Rob Grove and Ladies Captain Helen Kenworthy.

A very tasty meal followed the prize-giving and, in the spirit of Christmas all the players received a small Christmas present.

The Mens section played their monthly Medal competition, the Dividion One results recorded were; 1st Stuart Mackie with a nett 72, 2nd was Chris Glover with a nett 73.

Division Two was led by Simon Sweetland with a nett 71, 2nd was Stuart Dickson nett 73. Alex Palmer, Mark Ward and Paul Code all recorded 2s.

The Seniors section played their Christmas Match on a stableford basis with Keith Wilson taking 1st place with 40pts.

In 2nd with 38 was Chris Walker, and 3rd was Simon Wellington with 37.

Twos were scored by R Bragg, N Garwood, G Cox and R Orsman.

The Ladies section played a Medford Competition, medal format on the front nine holes and stableford on the back nine.

The competition resulted in a win for Margaret Kenchington (on the back nine) with Helen Kenworthy as runner up.

youth football news

Double tonic for Seaton

Axminster Town U8 v WESTEXE & MILLWEY RISE. ON Saturday morning the Ax under 8s arrived with four of their squad of ten missing with illness.

The first game against Westexe finished 0–0. In the second game we played Millwey Rise in a friendly. Bailey Galloway scored a neat goal to make it 1–0 Millwey then scored twice to take the lead. Alex Dixon scored a good equalising goal to make it 2–2.

Seaton under 10s headed into the Christmas break with a couple of wins against MILLWAY EAGLES and FALCONS.

First up was a very tight game against the Eagles. Henry Matthews poked Seaton ahead after a thumping drive from Harvey Green had rattled the crossbar.

The Eagles struck back before Leo Gribble's driving run and persistence was rewarded, as the ball fell kindly at his feet and he made no mistake.

However, only a wonder save from Kieran Jaycock kept Seaton ahead as the game finished 2–1.

Next up were the Falcons who despite being a younger team gave Seaton all kinds of problems as they raced into an early lead.

Seaton struck back through Henry Matthews and Aaron Hale to take a 2–1 lead into half time.

However, Christian Pinnock came on in the second half and stole the show with four unanswered goals,. Defenders Daniel Byrne and Eric McLennan caught the eye with some calm work.

◆ **LOOKING SMART**: Axminster Under 7s team have been presented with new training tops sponsored by sponsors Select Electrical Agencies Ltd. The team is pictured with coaches Ian Manning and Adam Bird.

on the fronter – skittles round-up

COLYTON LEAGUE

Div 1 - Gerrard A 312 (T Underdown 54) Vine B 296 (D Blackmore 58); Lamb A 318 (M Smith 58) Sidbury Stones 308 (J Bass 56); New Inn A 377 (G Smith, N Jones 69) Cloakham B 349 (B Pring 62); Tuckers Arms B 382 (D Freeth 77) Axe Con A 366 (J Trivett 65); Colcombe A 397 (R Parsons 79) Red Lion Cavaliers 439 (W Phillips 79); Hon WMC A 352 (M Woollacott 63) Colyton Club A 346 (P Clode 68); Honiton Con D 377 (D Wakley 82) Lamb B 359 (M Cornfield 67).

Div 2; Eagle Tavern 357 (C Hutchings 79) Colcombe Beerboys 402 (P White 78); Seaton AFC A 364 (M Pavey 66) Beer B 335 (J Gladstone 65); Red Lion A 402 (Jo Flint 74) Ship C 402 (N Ostler 82); Offwell A 375 (D Spragg 73) Honiton Converts 388 (S Lapping 77); Wheelwright A 324 (P Squires 60) Mountbatten Whites 317 (P Bonetta 59); Vine A 344 (Sheila Davenport 67) Gerrard B 339 (J Potter 62); Cloakham Wanderers 369 (G Hayball 73) Volunteer A 340 (S Thornton 67).

Div 3; Volunteer B 313 (Chris Watson 57) White Hart B 315 (D House, R Gibbons 56); Sidbury Village Inn 350 (A Williams 66) Honiton Con BTB 341 (I Wilson 67); Beer Albion 327 (T Reed 63) Wilmington Harts 291 (E Underdown 55); Tuckers A 369 (M Huskins 67) Three Tuns Hammers 351 (O Rice 66); Beer A 335 (M Westlake 69) Red Lion Sidbury 355 (J McQueen 64); Ship A 336 (N Widger, D Minchin 61) Colcombe B 369 (B Harris 71).

Div 4; Kingfisher A 285 (P Richards 1) Honiton WMC B 279 (G Hart 62); Honiton Con Artists 361 (P Dale 74) Honiton Con A 377 (G Mills 76); Winstons A 340 (M Magaragle 65) Kings Arms A 356 (K Tozer 74); Vine Nomads 355 (Magz Sansom 63) Rising Sun B 361 (M Clode 70); Axe Inn A 311 (M Lewis 61) Tuckers C 291 (F Pearse 57); Rising Sun A 340 (A Baldwin, R Parsons 60) New Inn B 333 (D Hodder 61).

Div 5; Heathfield B 347 (Marion Fletcher 71) Kingfisher B 319 (J Hay 66); Colyton Club B 384 (G Richards 72) Heathfield A 343 (B Underwood 60); White Hart A 364 (Ros Hallworth 67) PJ'S Koots 344 (D Purrington 66); PJ'S Pirates 354 (T Miller 68) Seaton Bowling 336 (T H-Smith 60); Honiton Con Raiders 292 (T Foster, N Foster 55) Offwell Rejects 318 (T Hembrow 57); Beer C 302 (Emma Westlake 58) Old Inn Kings 309 (S Fuller 60).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Gerrard A	12	19*
Honiton Con D	12	16
Axe Con A	12	14
Colyton Club A	12	14
Lamb A	12	14
New Inn A	12	14
Sidbury SC Stones	12	14
Cloakham B	12	12
Tuckers Arms B	12	12
Lamb B	12	10
Red Lion Cavs	12	10
Vine B	12	10
Colcombe A	12	6
Honiton WMC A	12	1*

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Seaton AFC A	12	20
Honiton Converts	12	18
Red Lion A	12	17
Volunteer A	12	14
Colcombe Beerboys	12	12
Offwell A	12	12
Vine A	12	12
Beer SC B	11	10
Wheelwright A	12	10
Cloakham Wanderers	11	9*
Ship C	12	9
Gerrard B	12	8
Mountbatten Whites	12	8
Eagle Tavern	12	6

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Tuckers Arms A	11	18
Three Tuns Hammers	11	16
Red Lion Sidbury	11	16
Beer Vikings	11	12
Sidbury Village Inn	11	12
Beer Albion	11	10
Beer SC A	11	10
Colcombe B	11	10
Volunteer B	11	10
Ship A	11	8
White Hart B	11	8
Wilmington Harts	11	8
Honiton Con BTP	11	5*

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Kingfisher A	11	18
Rising Sun B	11	16
Kings Arms A	11	14
Vine Nomads	11	14
Honiton WMC B	11	14
Axe Inn A	11	12
Rising Sun A	11	11
New Inn B	11	10
Seaton AFC B	11	10
Honiton Con A	11	9
Honiton ConArtists	11	8
Tuckers Arms C	11	4
Winstons A	11	4

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Colyton Club B	11	16
White Hart A	11	16
Heathfield A	11	15
Offwell Rejects	10	14
Beer SC C	10	12
PJs Pirates	10	12
Axminster AFC A	11	10
Heathfield B	11	10
Seaton Bowling	11	10
Old Inn Kings	12	10
PJs Koots	11	7
Kingfisher B	11	6
Honiton Con Raiders	10	2

AXMINSTER LEAGUE

Div 1; Ax Con Rebels 321 (P Pomeroy 63) v Red Devils 289 (R Summers 52) Thorncombe B 364 (A Farley 69) v Thorncombe Drifters 381 (C Wyatt 76) Green Army 377 (D Kelland M Pidgeon 74) v Lamb Spartans 353 (G Hayball 69) Sidmouth Arms 360 (T Bright 66) v Old Inn Kilm A 338 (A Cross 59) Lamb A 319 (D Jones 65) v B & G's 354 (M Enticott 63).

Div 2; New Inn C 330 (R Webb 68) v Gerrard D 343 (D Randall 63) Gerrard A 276 (G Richards w Vincent 51) v Colcombe A 312 (V Trivett 63) Axminster FC 409 (M Boniface 84) v Hawk H/C's 399 (I Strawbridge 95) W H Wilm A 369 (R Perkins 70) v Cloakham Stars 375 (D Baker 75) Ax Inn Jokers 319 (A Churchill 63) v Red Lion C 335 (M Herrod 66) Thorncombe C 387 (M Taylor 78) v Thorncombe A 361 (C Harding 66).

Div 3; WH Warriors 348 (L Osborn 65) v Wootton Sherberts 337 (J Chapman 62) Kings Arms Seaton 359 (K Massey 76) v Ax Con Club A 337 (B Styles 62) Red Lion B 416 (R Summers 90) v Old Hawk IV 369 (J Turner 69) Old Inn Kilm B 348 (O Harris 63) v W H Wilm B 342 (S Herrin 64).

Div 4; Gerrard C 284 (B Knight 57) v New Inn Hawks 283 (A Cligg 53) Lamb Shanks 302 (R Lancashire 61) v Ax Inn A 283 (S Fifer 56) Kingfisher A 287 (A Neal-Hopes 54) v King Wingers 284 (J Barret 55) Seaton BC 301 (D Ridd 56) v Winston Wobblers 291 (Eddy H 55) Colcombe Nomads 367 (R Gush 70) v Bottle Inn 309 (P Wallis 60) .

Division One	Pld	Pts
Red Lion Red Devils	13	22
B & Gs	13	20
Ax Con Club Rebels	13	16
Thorncombe B	12	16
Tuckers B	11	15
Lamb Spartans	13	14
Sidmouth Arms	13	13
Green Army	13	10
Thorncombe Drifters	12	10
Red Lion D	13	10
Old Inn Kilmington A	13	8
The Feds	12	7
Lamb A	13	7
Tuckers C	11	6

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Gerrard D	13	20
Wootton Cowboys	12	18
Red Lion C	13	14
Thorncombe C	13	14
New Inn Kilm A	12	14
Cloakham Stars	13	14
Colcombe A	13	12
New Inn Kilm C	13	12
White Hart Wilm A	13	12
Gerrard A	13	12
Hawkchurch Halfcuts	13	10
Axminster Town AFC	13	10
Axe Inn Jokers	13	10
Thorncombe A	13	8

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Kings Arms Seaton A	12	20
Tuckers Maggots	12	18
Wootton Sherberts	12	16
Old Inn Hawkchurch IV	13	14
Old Inn Kilmington B	13	14
Old Inn Hawkchurch A	9	12
Axe Con Club A	12	12
White Hart Wilm B	12	12
Colcombe B	12	10
White Hart Warriors	11	10
Red Lion B	13	10
Lamb 49s	11	8
Gerrard B	9	6
Tuckers Y	11	0

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Colcombe Nomads	11	16
New Inn Kilm Hawks	11	14
King Wingers	11	14
Ship Rotary	11	14
Gerrard C	11	14
Axe Inn A	10	12
Kingfisher A	11	10
Bottle Inn	11	10
Seaton Bowling A	10	9
Lamb Shanks	10	7
Tuckers Arms A	10	4
Winston Wobblers	11	4

Ladies League Knockout Cup 3rd round; Colcombe A 377 (S Newton 68) v New Inn A 362 (G Perkins 68) Rousdon Ladies 328 (E Beviss 63) v Tuckers A 292 (L Gould 55) Colcombe B 289 (S Wilton 56) v Thorncombe Newtops 297 (C Bull 56). Semi Finals (Tues, February 1st - venues to be arranged) New Inn A v Cloakham A Rousdon Ladies v Thorncombe Newtops.

Salisbury Cup 2nd round Seaton BC 319 (S Parkhouse 57) v Ax Inn A 310 (S Gage 58) B & J's Cloakham 321 (J White 67) v Ax Inn Allsorts 333 (S Fifer 64) Old Inn Kilm A 311 (L Beer B Lunt 55) v Seaton FC 282 (A Broom T Kenworthy 48) Thorncombe A 299 (T Gibson 62) v WH Wilm A 290 (H Hible 53). (Semi Finals to be played on Tuesday, February 1st - venues to be arranged) Seaton BC v Old Inn Kilm A, Ax Inn Allsorts v Thorncombe A

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Wotnots	11	20
Axminster Inn A	11	20
Red Lion A	11	14
Rousdon Ladies	11	14
Perfect Pins	10	10
Gerrard Guzzlers	11	10
Colcombe A	11	10
New Inn B	11	10
New Inn A	11	10
Seaton Bowling	11	8
Tuckers Arms C	11	8
Cloakham A	10	6
Bees Knees	11	6
B & Js	9	4

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Colcombe Girls	11	18
Colcombe B	10	18
Thorncombe Newtops	9	16
Red Lion Rabble	9	14
Tuckers Arms A	11	12
Gerrard A	10	12
White Hart Wilm A	11	10
Tuckers Arms B	11	10
Thorncombe A	10	8
Cloakham Castaways	11	8
Colcombe Angels	10	6
Seaton FC	11	6
Old Inn Kilmington	11	4
Axe Inn Allsorts	11	4

CREWKERNE & DIST

DRAW for the divisional cups; Royal Oak Drimpton v Football Club, Stray Cats v Lost Boys, Brewers Bees v Mighty Ducks, Rollers v Headhunters, Hillbillies v Raptors, Rugrats v Pinbusters, Perrott Monkeys v Acorns, Ugly Ducklings v Sandbaggers, Muppets v Willy Low Flyers, Likely Lads v Oakley Doakleys, Rotary v Admiral 6. *Matches to be played on January 8th.*

Division One	Pld	Pts
Super Sexy Six	11	113
Headhunters	11	100
Lost Boys	11	86
The Coachmen	11	69
Stray Cats	11	68
Football Club	11	62
Rollers	11	57
Mighty Ducks	11	55
Royal Oak Drimpton	11	55
King Willy Dogs	11	47
Brewers Bees	11	42
Loud & Proud	11	38

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Sports 92	10	81
Acorns	10	75
Raptors	10	73
Rugrats	10	73
HillBillys	10	61
Pinbusters	10	60
Perrott Monkeys	10	60
Chis Colts	10	54
Skimmers	10	46
Fryers	10	43
Concorde	10	34

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Fudders	11	98
Admiral 6	11	82
Oakley Doakleys	10	81
Ugly Ducklings	11	80
Sandbaggers	11	70
Kings men	11	66
The Likely Lads	11	66
Muppets	10	63*
That's Wassap	11	58
Beer Leg Boys	11	48
Willy Low Flyers	11	39
Rotary	11	23

ILMINSTER & DIST

Nomination Grp A	Pld	Pts
Rockey's Rollers	5	44
Flying Turkeys	4	43
Nomads	4	34
Royal Oak Faces	4	25
Ashill Boys	5	24
Flying Turkeys All Stars	4	23
King's Head	3	14
Ashill Inn	4	14
Wyndham Clangers	5	7

Nomination Grp B	Pld	Pts
Crown Crusaders	5	56
Cricketers	4	34
Hatch Beagles	5	32
Wyndham Warriors	4	28
Floaters	4	27
Bell Broadway	4	25
Bell A	5	19
Ilton Choppers	5	14
Hatch Eggs	4	5

EAST DEVON HUNT

Division One	Pld	Pts
Marvels	11	18
Culm Vale	11	14
Auctioneers	10	12
Blacksmiths	10	12
Foxenhole	9	10
Ur Arrs	9	10
Sidford	10	10
Sutton Wanderers	10	10
Talaton	10	8
Upottery	10	8
Night Owls	10	6
Zulu Warriors	10	6
Perkins Village	8	4

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Keepers	10	17
Marsh Green	10	16
Breakways	10	14
A Team	10	12
Awliscombe Shoot	10	12
Honiton Clyst	10	12
Latecomers	10	11
Stags	10	10
Jack's Lads	10	7
Tuckers Arms	9	6
Axe Valley	11	6
Broadclyst	11	5
Cocks & Hens	9	2

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Top Cats	9	16
Guys & Gals	9	12
New Inn	6	12
Brooksiders	10	12
Bashers	6	10
Goldtops	9	10
Bakers 8	9	8
Yoyo's	9	8
Here for the Beer	10	8
Maynards	8	6
Yetties	10	6
Alley Cats	8	4
Cee Dee's	10	4

Top Scores; Graham Pike (Foxenhole) 92, Anna Hodgson (Cocks & Hens) 91.

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◆ **TRACKTASTIC:** The Holyrood Academy Year 7 girls indoor athletics team won the South Somerset District Championships held at Preston Schoollast Tuesday (December 8th). The victory meant the team qualified for the county event whiuch was due to be held at Millfield School yesterday (Monday).Line-up, from left; Gracie Owen, Tahlia Glazier, Maddie Crouch, Libby Hilton-Barratt, Millie Downes. Katie Beale.

Crewkerne RFC 2nd XV

◆ **PRIDE OF HENHAYES:** Crewkerne Rugby Club 2nd XV pictured with kit sponsor Michael Williamson of *Williamson Solicitors, Crewkerne.* The team have made a good start to their season in the Somerset League Division Three (South) and are currently lying in 3rd place having already won four games and drawn one. This represents great progress for the team as they only won a total of five games in the whole of last season. The club is always on the look out for new players with training taking place on the Henhayes pitch every Thursday at 7pm. Line-up, standing, from left; Grant Jackson (chairman), Huw Edwards, Richard Lovelock, Dan Godfroy, James Baker, Rob Howard, Jamie Gosling, Luke Chant, Chris Wall, Mike Williamson (Williamson Solicitors team sponsors) Front; Fred Cleary, Dan Martin, Ollie Singleton, Jack Osborne (Capt), Tom Lock, Jamie Daniel, Kieron Gosling.

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